### European diplomats arrested by Afghans

QUETTA. Pakistan (AFP) — Afghan security forces have arrested three European diplomats. Afghan Consul General Haji Abdul Khaliq said here Saturday, denying earlier reports that the trio had been kidnapped.

Mr. Khaliq said the diplomats were taken into custody by security personnel in the Afghan border town of Spin Boldak after they illegally crossed into southern Kandahar province from Pakistan's Baluchistan province Friday. The three were identified as Jack Dodds of Britain. Gert Piening of the Netherland and Stephen Ethert of Germany, all drug liaison officers. They were found some 20 kilometres inside Afghanistan taking photographs, the Afghan diplomat told reporters. Mr. Khaliq said investigations were continuing to try to determine whether the diplomats were on an espionage mission inside Afghanistan. Denying an earlier report from diplomatic and official Pakistani sources here Friday that the three were kidnapped by armed Afghan tribesmen, he said he had contacted the commissioner of the Spin Boldak region, who said the three were all safe and in custody. "They were not abducted, they were arrested," he said.



### 100,000 could soon die in Sudan

PARIS (AP) - Nearly 100,000 people left homeless from civil war in southern Sudan could soon starve to death without help from the international community, a relief group says. International Action Against Hunger called for the effort so that "a drama comarable to that in Somalia doesn't repeat itself in silence." The group said that after a fact-finding mission, it has launched an emergency programme to provide food and medical care to children in the region. The 100,100 are scattered in the camps Ashwa, Ame and Atepi in southern Sudan, after fleeing the advance of government forces on the towns of Kopoeta, Torit, Bor and Kongor last year, the group said. Fighting "has prevented the delivery of food and humanitarian aid for the past four months," the group, known by its French initials AICF, said in a statement. The homeless "will be decimated by famine" without help, it said. The United Nations estimates 350,000 people have died from war and famine in the past two years. 1.5 million lives are threatened and two million people are displaced. Another round of peace talks is planned Monday in Nigeria between the rebels, led by John Garang, and the military government of President Omar Hassan Al Bashir.

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#### 6 Yemenis killed in election violence

SANAA (AFP) — Six people, including two election candidates, were shot and killed in the town of Zohra near the western port of Hodeida during clashes between two leading political parties, police said Saturday. They were the first election-related murders since the start of the campaign on April 18. The killings occurred Thursday during an armed clash between members of the two main parties entering lists for Tuesday's legislative election, the first balloting for a unified Yemeni parliament since North and South Yemen became one country in May 1990.

#### Copt killed in Upper **Egypt**

ASSIUT (AFP) — Muslim fundamentalists stabbed to death a teenage Christian Coptic student and seriously wounded another in the Upper Egyptian city of Assiut, an extremist stronghold, police said. They said the incident occurred when three men lay in wait for students who were leaving their technical school and attacked two with knives, killing one and wounding the other before fleeing. The assailants were clad in the long white shirtdresses usually worn by fundamentalists. said police.

#### **Ex-general shot** in Algeria

ALGIERS (R) - Gunmen shot and wounded retired Algerian General Kamel Abdul Rahim Saturday as he left Rouiba, 20 kilometres east of Algiers, the official news agency APS said. Mr. Abdul Rahim, until he retired in 1988, was commander of naval forces. APS said between four and six gunmen attacked the general, hitting him twice in the body. The general, aged 58, is one of the most senior officers to be attacked in 14 months of violence blamed on Muslim fundamentalists. He was taken to hospital.

#### **Masoud rocketed** during exercise

JABAL-UL SARAJ, Afghanistan (AFP) — Afghan Defence Minister Ahmad Shah Masoud and several senior military staff narrowly escaped death Saturday when two long-range missiles fired by anti-government forces exploded just metres away. Mr. Masoud was visiting a military base at Jabal-ul Saraj, about 65 kilometres north of Kabul, when the rockets landed near his operations headquarters. The minister was personally supervising an operation in which defence ministry officials claimed 3,000 fighters from Prime Minister-designate Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hezb-i-Islami faction had defected to Mr. Masoud's forces.

#### Tunisia's Communist Party changes name

TUNIS (R) — The 56-year-old Communist Party of Tunisia has changed its name to the Movement of Renovation. The change was announced after an extraordinary meeting which ended Friday night. Mohammad Harmel, outgoing secretary general, was unanimously reelected. The change received the blessing of Tunisia's ruling party the Rassemblement Constitutionnel Democratique, represented at the closing session by its Secretary General Chedli Neffati.

#### Egypt, S. Arabia plan joint exercises

CAIRO (R) — Egypt and Saudi Arabia will stage regular joint military manoeuvres and are considering joint defence manufacturing projects, Egyptian defence sources said Saturday. Both countries are actively considering how to revive a short-lived military alliance broken off in 1979 when Egypt made peace with Israel. A decision on holding joint manoeuvres every six months was made during last week's visit to Saudi Arabia by Egyptian Defence Minister Lieutenant-General Mohammad Hussein Al Tantawi, the sources said. Gen. Tantawi also visited a Saudi defence factory. Earlier this year, senior Saudi defence officials visited Egypt's defence factories, which produce a variety of advanced armaments including jet fighters, missiles, tanks and munitions.

# Arab teams head for bilaterals amid mixed reactions at home

Combined agency dispatches

JORDANIAN, Syrian and Lebanese peace negotiators left for Washington Saturday to attend the delayed ninth round of Arab-Israeli peace talks scheduled to resume Tuesday.

The 14-member Jordanian team is led by Abdul Salam Majali. Dr. Majali flew to London Friday to brief His Majesty King Hussein, who is vacationing in England.

Palestinian negotiators, who form a joint delegation with Jordan, are expected to leave Monday, amid deepening Palestinian division over continuing the peace process unless Israel makes concessions.

At least two of the 14 Palestinian delegates have refused to attend the Washington talks.

The Syrian delegation left Damascus for Washington Saturday afternoon via Paris. The Lebanese foreign ministry said some low-ranking members of Lebanon's team also left Saturday, and delegation head Suhail Shammas was scheduled to leave

The four Arab parties involved in the peace talks with Israel agreed Wednesday to resume negotiations after a four-month

TUNIS (Agencies) — The Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) has made public seven-

point package of assurances

which it said brought the Palesti-

nians back to peace talks with

Israel but accused the Jewish

state of trying avoid im-

It said the assurances were

'positive achievements' and

appealed to Washington and

Moscow as co-sponsors of the

peace process to intervene

strongly to ensure that Israeli

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

spect for what was agreed upon

by the (peace) conference's co-

sponsors requires that they take a

strong stand towards the Rabin

government's attempts to avoid

the issues ... or escape their

practical implementation," a

statement carried by the Palesti-

nian news agency WAFA said.

KHARTOUM (Agencies) —

Sudanese leader Lieutenant-

General Omar Hassan Al Bashir

accused Egypt Saturday of plot-

ting with Sudanese opposition

groups to overthrow his govern-

The military leader told a news

conference a number of

Egyptian-trained saboteurs sent

to blow up installations in Khar-

toum and elsewhere had been

detained but did not specify how

Gen. Bashir said Egypt pro-

vided Sudanese plotters with 12

helicopters to fly them to Sudan

to blow up installations and seize

He said Egypt trained the plot-

ters and provided them with 500

revolvers with silencers.

Sudanese army uniforms, night

sight equipment and ammunition.

ing Sudan of exporting terrorism

MOSCOW (Agencies) -- Presi-

dent Boris Yeltsin, gambling his

future on a nationwide referen-

dum, made a final appeal to

Russians Saturday to put aside

economic woes and give him their

support for a "breakthrough to

its broadcast less than an hour

before the polls open in the Rus-

sian Far East, he said he wanted

the referendum result to "break

through the mighty dam which

has been constructed by oppo-

course of reforms will depend

entirely on how you vote on April

25. Your choice will decide what

the president can and cannot do

and what the congress can and

questions on the ballot were num-

bers one and four, which polls

He said the most important

cannot do," Mr. Yeltsin said.

"My ability to carry on with the

nents of Russian reforms."

In a speech released ahead of

the future."

"While Egypt had been accus-

to other countries including out."

power in Khartoum.

ment.

"At this crucial moment, re-

plementing them.

fulfilled them.

400 Islamic fundamentalists from the occupied territories in De-

Jordanian delegates said they would continue discussions with Israel on a joint draft agenda charting future peace negotia-

The accord is the most visible sign of progress in the otherwise stumbling 18-month-old peace

"We will continue with our agenda," said a Jordanian negotiator before flying to Washington. "We hope some progress would be made to enable us to start substantial talks."

The joint draft agenda foresees an eventual peace treaty between Jordan and Israel as part of a comprehensive Arab settlement. Jordan is seeking to rework the document to plug loopholes which it feared could be used by Israel to set precedents and weaken Palestinian-Israeli talks — especially on the final status of Jerusalem, officials say.

Syria's official Tishrin newspaper meanwhile warned of the collapse of the peace process and a loss of U.S. credibility if Israel's "policy of obstruction" is allowed to continue.

It said one of the assurances

the Palestinians received was the

speeding up of the return of

nearly 400 Palestinians whose ex-

pulsion by Israel to South Leba-

non in December caused suspen-

Thursday to an earlier proposal

to allow 101 of the expellees to

return immediately and the rest

in stages by the end of the year

and he was not obliged to make

The PLO is under criticism

from some Palestinians who say it

agreed to return to the ninth

round of talks in Washington next

Tuesday without having achieved

any of the concessions it had

The statement listed for the

It called them "achievements

first time the assurances which the

PLO said the Palestinians won.

which cannot be minimised or

ignored" and said they were the

Sudan accuses Egypt of coup plot

Egypt without providing any

proof, we now have proof of the

Egyptian government's training

of people to commit terrorist acts

As outlined by the official

Sudan News Agency (SUNA),

the invaders, equipped and

trained by Egypt, would be

drawn from banned political par-

ties and southern rebels. Some

troops from northern Sudan

transported by a foreign warship,

and then Egyptian planes will be

used to position them," SUNA

said, quoting a press statement by

In Cairo, military spokesman

Taymour Al Zohairy said he

could not comment but would ask

his superiors. At the Foreign

Ministry, spokesman Nagy Al

Ghatrify said: "I have absolutely

no idea what you're talking ab-

Yeltsin issues last appeal to voters

predict he will probably win.

They ask voters whether they

have confidence in the president

and whether they want early elec-

opponents of planning a coup if

he wins, said he would "follow

the principle of constitutionality,

relying on the will of the people,"

whichever way the voting went.

push ahead with a wholesale

shakeup of Russia's political sys-

tem, particularly the all-powerful

Congress of People's Deputies.

will be seen as your backing for a

state organ, no single leader,

whatever his high rank, can ever

again concentrate all powers in

his hands. Otherwise the ghost of

dictatorship will continue to hov-

er over Russia," he said.

new constitution," he said.

"Your votes for the president

"We must ensure that no single

But he made clear he wanted to

Mr. Yeltsin, accused by his

tions to parliament.

"a senior security source."

"The invading troops will be

would help.

in Sudan," Gen. Bashir said.

demanded from Israel.

However, Mr. Rabin stuck on

sion of the peace talks.

further gestures.

PLO lists 'assurances'

broke down after Israel expelled to resume the talks was not taken jian, assistant secretary of state easily and required "intense contacts and consultations with the U.S. administration.'

> The Arabs "expect real progress from the ninth session (of negotiations) as well as an effective American role which is in harmony with the commitments it gave." Tishrin added.

The international community must reject the Israeli position or see the ninth round become "a maze" that will lead to "the collapse of the entire peace process and U.S. credibility," it

The Arabs plan to "immediately raise the basic issues, starting with a withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory," referred to in U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, it said.

If Israel continues to "defy U.N. Security Council resolutions," the Arabs will have no choice but to "ask the U.S. administration to implement its commitments and guarantees." it

In Washington, members of the State Department's "peace team" met Friday with representatives of the Israeli delegations to the Middle East peace

PLO's "wise and firm policy."

The seven assurances were:

- "Correcting the make-up of

the Palestinian delegation to in-

"Securing the return of a

number of previous deportees

(exiled by Israel before De-

- "Speeding up the return of the

- "A commitment, with the con-

ference co-sponsors playing an

effective role, to reduce the suf-

ferings of our people living under

occupation and the blockade

(banning them from entering

- "Reaffirmation of U.N. re-

solutions 242 and 338 (which state

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An aide to Jaafar Numeiri, a

former Sudanese president living

in exile in Cairo, denied his group

"Egypt does not allow us to

plan anti-Sudanese government

activity in Egypt," said Moham-

mad Abdul Rahman. "Neither

our group nor any other group as.

far as I know was planning any

Linked by the Nile River.

Egypt and Sudan have alternated

between war and peace since

antiquity. Relations have been

relatively good since Sudan, Afri-

ca's largest country, gained inde-

pendence in 1956 as combined

But they deteriorated when

Brigadier Omar Hassan Bashir

overthrew a democratic civilian

administration on June 30, 1989.

Cairo charges that Sudan is train-

ing Islamic extremists in Iranian-

. "Russia and the Russians do

decide any questions."

and legislative elections.

impose a dictatorship.

chaos, page 4

not need a congress of one

thousand people, which meets

whenever and for as long as it

likes and which has the right to

Voters Sunday go to the polls

to answer four questions on sup-

port for the 62-year-old Russian

leader, approval of market re-

forms and on early presidential

In a full-page interview pub-

lished in the parliamentary news-

paper Rossiskaya Gazeta, Speak-

er Ruslan Khasbulatov accused

Yeltsin aides of attempting to

The goal of Mr. Yeltsin's team,

Mr. Khasbulatov said, was to

implement a "savage, criminal,

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As the dust settles, expect more

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British-Egyptian rule ended.

was involved.

such coup attempt.

December deportees,

negotiating team,"

cember).

delay. The 16-month-old talks Tishrin said the Arab decision Team leader Edward Djerefor Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, did not participate in the consultations, but other team members met with the Israeli representatives twice dur-

ing the day. "We don'tr have any firm schedule for meetings with the other delegations at this time," the spokesman said, "but we hope to confer with all of the parties before the talks resume on April

In occupied Jerusalem, Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini angrily told his many critics Saturday there was no better option for the Palestinians than a return to the peace talks.

Mr. Husseini defended his backing of the negotiations in a shouting match with the wives of expelled Muslim fundamentalists and later before a sceptical crowd of Jerusalem merchants.

"Some people have asked me to withdraw from the talks." Mr.

(Continued on page 5) Expellees await return home,

page 2 Christopher: Meaningful Palesti-

nian self-government possible.

# fruit of Arab support and the hijacked

clude sons of Jerusalem in the Indian plane - "No resort (by Israel) to the policy of deportations in the fu-AMRITSAR, India (Agen-

cies) — Indian commandos stormed a hijacked Indian Airlines plane in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar early Sunday and overpowered a Kashmiri separatist who commandeered the aircraft, an airline spokesman said.

The operation by elite National Security Guards (NSG) ended a tense 12-hour hijack drama which began Saturday afternoon when the lone hijacker seized control of the Boeing 737 on a flight from New Delhi to Srinagar in Kash-

"There was no loss of life and no damage to the plane," said Indian Airlines spokesman A.K. Sivanandan, adding that all 135 passengers and six crew members were safe.

He said it was not immediately known whether the hijacker, a 30-year-old man who claimed to be a member of the Muslim separatist movement in Kashmir, was hurt in the commando raid, which took place at 12:55 a.m. Sunday (1925 GMT Saturday).

Airline officials said there had been just one hijacker, retracting a statement that two men had been involved in commandeering the plane.

The plane was flown to Amritsar, in Punjab state, after Pakistani authorities refused permission for the aircraft to land in Lahore.

The hijacker, who identified, himself as Sayeed Jalaluddin J had demanded that the plane be refuelled and flown to the Afghan capital of Kabul. He described himself as a

guerrilla for a Muslim fun-

damentalist group fighting for independence for the northern province of Kashmir, but the group disclaimed responsibil-The commandos said they

went in as food was being delivered to the plane and seized the hijacker. The gunman, armed with at

least one pistol and claiming to have a grenade, had said that all on board would die if elite "Black Cat" commandos of the NSG, who surrounded the plane at Amritsar Airport, tried to take it.

"I know I am not going to survive if the NSG storm the plane and I will not let anyone live," one security source quoted him as saying, Before that he had threatened to kill passengers

one by one unless his demand was met and gave negotiators just 25 minutes to agree, but the deadline passed without incident.

# King hopes for breakthrough in talks, but warns of abyss

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty spair. King Hussein has said Friday he "So talks were close to a breakthrough, but warned that if the Arab-Israeli conflict was not settled swiftly the region would "slide towards an abyss."

Interviewed in London on the prospects for next week's resumed talks between Israeli and Arab leaders, King Hussein told Sky News: "I believe we are close to a breakthrough and I really hope I will be justified." He said that people on both

sides of the divide now felt it was up to them to resolve their problems rather than relying on outside agencies. "There are too many pressing

problems in every aspect of life and too many challenges and too much suffering, too much anger that grows and grows, and dewards an abyss," King Hussein In an interview with the British

Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), King Hussein said that Jerusalem was "far too important to hundreds of millions of people throughout the world" to be considered "the domain of one or the other of the parties concerned. The Holy City should become

"the essence of peace" in the region, he said. The Palestinian delegation has

shown "great courage" in agreeing to participate in the talks at a time of "intolerable" conditions in the occupied territories, which remain sealed off by the Israeli authorities following violence there, the King said. Following is a text of the King's

interview with the BBC: "So if it is not resolved now I Question: Your Majesty, here we thought the Middle East peace think that we will be sliding to- are in another stage of the Middle East peace process. Hopes have been raised before and hopes have been dashed. Are your hopes high again this time? Answer: They are high and I hope they will be high throughout this phase which I hope will finally see us achieve a breakthrough which we have sought for so many

O: On what basis have you got for

A: There is no other alternative and there is no other option for all concerned on either side of the divide and for the world beyond. So I feel there is a realisation by all concerned that this is it; we must really move to secure the

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### Jordan calls for free movement of labour, capital in Arab World

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Saturday called for the free movement of Arab capital and labour within the Arab World and increased inter-Arab trade to advance Arab development.

The call came in a speech delivered by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on behalf of His Majesty King Hussein at the 26th session of the Council of Arab Universities held at the Jordan Universities of Science and Technology in Irbid.

Higher Education is an area which needs close attention in the Arab World since Arab university graduates still lag behind their counterparts from foreign universities, the Regent said.

"The teaching method. moreover, is in dire need of development that renders a university student more capable of taking initiatives and being creative, and more self-reliant too," he said.

"The principal role of Arab universities, as centers for educational and intellectual radiance tries, have become apparent. society and civilisation and the promotion of research and development, is not very clear, rather not ripe," he said. Following are excerpts from ment and military purposes."

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ing countries. On the other hand,

as dictated by the available finan-

contributing to the advance of Moreover, Arab countries generally allocate a large proportion of their revenue — a proportion amounting to three times that of developing countries — for arma-

"Such disparities, and exces-"In a seminar on "Human De- sive spending, undoubtedly revelopment in the Arab Home- flect insecurity on the part of the land" which was recently con- Arab Nation, on the one hand, vened in Amman, participants and the need for Arab cooperation on the other hand, indeed, Arab countries have been suc- economic disparity would not recessful in achieving human de- main at the level it stands now if velopment in accordance with Arab capital, labour and comaccepted international standards. merce were allowed the freedom It transpired that Arab countries to move among the Arab states. have witnessed a tangible im- To be sure, such course of action provement in the fields of health—and movement are in the interest care, education, general culture of all the Arab states along the and urbanization; and that in path of bringing about an Arab certain parameters they have order based on a new concept attained standards higher than regarding frontiers; a concept those attained by other develop- that shifts from viewing frontiers as a barrier subjected to strict major disparities in achievement, control to considering them as

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Israeli police arrest a Palestinian youth suspected of throwing stones following a protest Saturday at Jerusalem's Damascus Gate (AFP photo)

# Palestinians stage Jerusalem protest against Israeli siege

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM the Palestinian decision to attend a Shifa Hospital. They said the (Agencies) - Three hundred ninth round of Middle East peace army closed the area around the monstration in Jerusalem against the indefinite closure of the occupied territories Saturday, a correspondent reported.

Police arrested one youth suspected of stone-throwing, but otherwise the protest at the Old City's Damascus Gate passed off peacefully.

Religious and secular leaders demanded the lifting of the restriction, which prevents Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip from entering occupied Jerusalem and Israel.

Israel sealed off the occupied territories at the end of March after a month in which Palestinians killed 15 Jews.

Demonstrators carried placards stating: "Al Quds (Jerusalem) is an Arabic city" and "we refuse Jerusalem closure." But speakers also argued over

Palestinians staged the first de- talks in Washington on Tuesday A slanging match developed between supporters and opponents of a resumption of the talks. On Friday, Israeli soldiers shot

and killed a Palestinian man and wounded at least 65 other Palestinians in clashes in the occupied Gaza Strip, Palestinians said.

Waei Kalloub, 22, was shot in the face outside Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, after the army opened fire on Palestinians who were stoning soldiers, they added.

Palestinians said 43 people were wounded in clashes which broke out in the Toffah neighbourhood of Gaza City after the

army raided a Palestinian wake held at the site of 14 homes ing fire, Palestinians said.

Medical personnel said another 10 Palestinians were shot inside

hospital, preventing Palestinians from bringing more wounded into the hospital for treatment.

Twelve Palestinians were injured in clashes elsewhere in the strip, Palestinians said.

Four Palestinians have been killed and 200 wounded in clashes since Tuesday, when Israeli troops destroyed 14 homes in the Toffah neighbourhood.

Troops Friday enforced a tight seal of the occupied territories that is to last until early Tuesday. The restrictions were imposed to prevent anti-Israeli violence during two back-to-back holidays.

The occupied territories have been sealed since March 31, but destroyed by the army Tuesday. several thousand Palestinian Mourners threw stones at the workers have been able to reach soldiers, who responded by open- Israel every day. Over the weekend, no Palestinians will be allowed to pass the army check-

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

# Expellees in Jordan await return home

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Palestinian decision last week to return to the Arab-Israeli bilateral peace talks has shed more attention on the promises and gestures that both U.S. and Israeli governments say they will make towards the Palestinians now that they have agreed to return to the negotiating table.

The four-month recess in the talks was caused by the crisis that Israel sparked when it expelled over 400 Palestinians across its northern borders into South Lebanon last December.

Israel now says that expulsion is not a policy but merely a "security measure," but the nearly 1,600 Palestinians expelled from the occupied territories since 1967 know other-

They are lawyers, teachers, journalists, mayors, priests, clergymen, laymen and community leaders. Banished by Israel, often with no official explanation, most of the 1,600 now live in Jordan. Many live in transit-like conditions while others have set up offices to lobby for their return.

A good number of them are now high-ranking officials and members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) Executive Committee, the Palestine Central Council (PCC) and the Palestine National Council (PNC).

Sheikh Abdul Hamid Sayeh. the first officially expelled Palestinian from the occupied territories since 1967, is now speaker of the PNC.

"Off-the-record" discussions between Israelis and Palestinians in the last two months have led to an "unofficial" Israeli agreement to repatriate some 30 individuals as an initial gesture towards the Palestinians, Amman- and Tunisbased Palestinian officials say.

"The Israelis have indicated that they would consider repatriating some 30 expellees in addition to a phased return of those in Marj Al Zuhour. Jamil Hilal, head of the PLO information office in Tunis. told the Jordan Times this

While the "unofficial" gesture by the Israelis has created anxieties among the 1.600 expellees in Jordan, the concept that Palestinians and Israelis are negotiating their return has given them hope.

"I don't want to get my hopes up too high because it would be such a cruel joke if it turned out to be another false alarm - like this whole peace process," said the exiled mayor of Al Bireh, Abdul Jawad

Mr. Saleh's wife said: "I read in one of the newspapers that my husband's name is on the list and I have begun making a list of things I want to take with me."

Mr. Saleh was expelled in 1973, but most of his family never left home. His sick mother, whom he says he desperately wants to see, and his four children live in the West

"I have been denied the right to properly carry out my duties as a son and I have not had the pleasure of being there for my grandchildren." he

Mr. Saleh is one of some 300 to 400 names that the PLO in Tunis has collected in a priority list for a phased return of all those officially expelled since

"All Palestinians who were either forced to leave since 1967 or those who are not allowed to visit and live in the occupied territories consider themselves exiled." said Suha Eid of the Bir Zeit University liaison office, which also houses the Committee of Palestinian Deportees.

The names of the 1,227 expellees that the committee has documented up to August 1988 as well as some 400 expelled during the intifada were "chosen by the Israelis — that is what makes them special," Miss Eid said.

"Israel chose them because it felt that a leaderless community could be more easily controlled." says Aisheh Odeh, a woman activist and expellee.

Ms. Odeh was expelled in



Mohammad Milhem

1979 after having spent 10 years in jail for carrying out military operations against the occupation forces on behalf of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP). Her parents' house was blown up after she was sent into exile.

"The Israelis did not realise that new leaders are born every day," Ms. Odeh told the Jordan Times. Having met with Israeli peace activists in women's conferences in Europe, Ms. Odeh believes that Palestinians and Israelis can live side-by-side and looks forward to returning home.

She has been notified by colleagues in the DFLP (Abed Rabbo wing) that her name is on the list. "I don't want to hope too much, but I can't stop

hoping either." she said. The Israelis have made a long list of exceptions to those that they will allow to return in the initial phases. The PLO list includes those who will return in the initial phase, PCC member Saleh Ra'afat said, "We have forwarded a list and we are hoping this list will be accepted," he said.

No intifada-related exiles and no-one with a record of military background or activities will be among those Israel allows to return to the occupied territories in the initial phase.

Those in the PLO list, the older and more vulnerable ex-



Hanna Nasir

pellees say, should be allowed to return first.

"I think the older people should be the first to be allowed back." says 1974 expellee Hanna Nasir. "I have been told I am on the list but I would rather have older people return before me — or those who have their entire families there," said Dr. Nasir, the exiled president of Bir Zeit

University. Among the exiles several hundred are now in their sixties and seventies; about two dozen died in exile.

Among the older exiles are Anglican leader and PCC member Bishop Elia Khoury who has been in exile since

Isam Abdul Hadi, head of the Palestinian Women's Federation who was expelled in 1968, is both on the PLO list and is one of those whom the Israelis are expected to allow to return. In her late 60s, Ms. Abdul Hadi headed the federation from her base in exile in Amman for the last 25 years.

PLO Executive Committee member Suleiman Najjab was exiled in 1975. Mr. Najjab represents the Palestinian People Party in the committee. Another exile on the executive committee is the former mayor of Halhoul, Mohammad Milhelm. Exiled with the late mayor of Hebron, Fahd Al Qawasmi, in 1980, Mr. Milhelm's name is also on the



Abdul Hameed Al Sayeh

The different parties within the PLO all have their "priority people" who once looked after their respective interests in the occupied territories. While the final decision will be that of the government of Israel on who goes back and when, increasing speculation about the list has put the exiled community on hold.

"My husband is with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), sort of," says Um Iyad, whose husband Ahmad Odeh was expelled after spending two years in an Israeli prison in 1971.

"Four of our children are here and five children are in the West Bank," says Um Iyad. "The Israelis let me come and go so I go there every three months to visit my children there."

Her husband is not on the "list" as far as she knows, but he is unlikely to be on the list. Mr. Odeh is a mason and not an active member of any political group.

"I think at least half the people on the 'list' should be those who are not community leaders; this returning thing should not be something for the elite alone." insists Dr.

While Israel has given individual and sometimes group permits for expelled Palestinians to return, it has never taken it upon itself to allow for



Bishop Elia Khoury

all those expelled to return. In fact when it did allow for a few Palestinians to return it made attempts to turn them into "collaborators." Nadim Zaru, former mayor of Ramallah who was exiled in 1979, was allowed back in the mid-1980s only to face pressure and coercion from the Israelis.

"They allowed him and a few others to return," his wife, artist Samia Zaru, told the Jordan Times. "They thought that he would become a turncoat. When he didn't they began treating him miserably letting him sit all day at the police station and asking use-

less questions." But Mr. Zaru is an exception to the rule. Over 95 per cent of the exiles have never got the chance to visit their homes in the West Bank or Gaza.

For many this meant a separation from their families and in many cases their families joined them in exile.

The next one month will be a time of waiting and expectation. If the United States and Israel come through on their "off-the-record promises" to the Palestinians, some of the expellees are expected to return, possibly within the next six weeks.

It would be the first concrete gesture by both the U.S. and Israel towards the Palestinians — something that the 1,600 expellees in Amman would very much appreciate.

#### Cleric denounces conviction of Egyptian Muslims NEW YORK (R) — The spiritual leader of Muslim fundamentalists trying to overthrow the Egyptian government Friday de-nounced death sentences against seven militants convicted in Cairo of launching violent attacks against tourists and others. The denunciation of the death sentences and jail terms against another 22 came from Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, who preaches for the overthrow of the Egyptian government from his self-imposed entire in Jersey City, New Jersey. The militants were convicted Thursday of attacking foreign tourists and conspiring to toppie the government in a year-long campaign that has claimed 120 lives. "If the Egyptian regime thinks by issuing these unjust sentences, that they can stop the thunderous machine of our mujahedeen...they are indeed in deep illusion," he said in a statement. Sheikh Abdul Rahman has often railed against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, claiming that he violates human rights and stays in power

150 kilos of cocaine seized at Beirut port

BEIRUT (AFP) - Lebanese security Friday seized 150 kilogrammes of cocaine from Colombia at the port of Beirut following a te to police, the national ANI news agency said. The cocaine, valued at \$10 million and stashed inside a motor, arrived in Beirut from the Netherlands and Egypt where it transited aboard the freighter Oriental Night.

destruction time is near."

#### Policeman killed in clash with Kuwait car gang

only because of police and military support. To the tyrants of Egypt we say: Where are you going to hide? We promise that your

KUWAIT (R) - A policeman was killed and two officers were wounded in a clash between Kuwaiti police and an armed gang of car-crazed youths, Al Watan daily reported Saturday. The youngsters started shooting Thursday when police tried to prevent them from blocking the main road to the Saudi border and turning it into a race track, the newspaper said. Police had to take cover and wait for reinforcements after being showered by machinegun bullets by the gang, the daily reported. A back-up patrol car overturned while passing over a section of the road covered with oil. The youths had spilled the oil earlier as part of a skidding demonstration. The driver was killed instantly, two others were injured. Only two of the estimated 200 car drivers were arrested by other patrol cars, the newspaper said. The newspaper said the gang was in the habit of using the road as a race track one day a week. A Ministry of Interior spokesman said he was checking the report. Many Kuwaitis stole abandoned Iraqi weapons when Iraq's occupation troops were expelled from Kuwait in February 1991. Some have yet to be handed in despite repeated government appeals.

### One killed in clash with police in Turkey

ANKARA (AFP) — Twelve suspected left-wing militants were killed in a recent clash with security forces in the east of the country, Anatolia news agency said Friday. The dead, said to be members of the Dev-Sol organisation (Devrimci Sol — revolutionary left), were killed Sunday near Tunceli in the region of Anatolia, the agency said. The deaths occurred after militants launched a rocket attack on a police station in Akcapinar, near Tunceli. Police caught up with and engaged the militants some kilometres (miles) away, killing 12 of them, the agency said. Dev-Sol, which specialises in urban guerrilla warfare, was severely weakened in March in two security operations in Istanbul, during which eight members died, including the group's number two. Two other militants said to be from the group were also killed overnight Thursday in Istanbul in what were said to be reprisals betwee rival factions of the group, Anatolia said.

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### Cyprus to apply U.N. sanctions on Serb firms

NICOSIA (AFP) — Cyprus, a base for hundreds of Serbian off-shore firms, is prepared to apply strictly U.N. sanctions on the rump Yugoslavia due to take effect Monday, the central bank governor said Saturday. "All the assets of Serbian firms and banks will be frozen, except the property of individuals" unless Bosnian Serbs accept the Vance-Owen peace plan for the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Afxentios Afxentiou told AFP. Three Serbia banks, including the Beogradska Banka, and nearly 500 other Serbian off-shore firms are registered in Cyprus, although less than 10 per cent have offices. U.N. Resolution 820 calls for tighter. sanctions against Yugoslavia — Serbia and Montenegro — if Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina continue to reject a peace plan proposed by mediators Lord Owen of the European Community and Cyrus! Vance of the United Nations. Belgrade is blamed for the war in Bosnia. Mr. Afxentiou said the sanctions "will be strictly applied to off-shore banks and companies in Cyprus." But the governor 'categorically denied" foreign news reports that some off-shore Serbian firms in Cyprus were circumventing the initial U.N. embargo imposed last year. Lord Owen Friday proposed creating a U.N.-controlled land corridor linking Serb-held territory in Bosnia to Serbia in a final effort to get Bosnia's Serbs to sign the U.N.-sponsored peace plan.

### Canada investigates killing of Somali

MOGADISHU (R) — Three senior Canadian military investigators arrived in Somalia Friday to probe the fatal shooting by their forces of a Somali in the central town of Beletuen last month. A spokesman at the Canadian command, part of a 24,000-strong U.S.-led task force that is helping restore order in Somalia, said the new team would take over the case. "Vice-Admiral Larry Murray — Canadian deputy chief of staff — has ordered a military police investigation into this unfortunate incident," the official said. Task force spokesman Colonel Fred Peck said the Ottawa order was made after top Canadian military commanders reviewed a preliminary report by a joint Canadian and task force team. He declined to reveal the contents of the first report. Col. Peck said officers to be probed were from the airborne regiment based in Beletuen. He declined to give their names. The senior Canadian officers, whose names or ranks were not divulged, were due to fly to Beletuen Saturday. The Canadian command spokesman said the investigators wanted to find out whether the soldiers were justified in killing the Somali or whether it was a clear case of homicide.

### Iraq agrees to ship out nuclear fuel BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraqi used to enrich uranium at the

authorities agreed here Laturday to ship abroad the last known batch of enriched uranium made for the country's atomic weapons programme, the head of a U.N. team said here.

The U.N. and Iraqi officials signed "a memorandum of understanding on what Iraq can do to assist us in the removing of the (nuclear) fuel," weighing 40 kilogrammes, Maurizio Zifferero

Removal could begin in July or August, according to the Italian, who headed a 17-member team which ended a week-long visit to

"The removal of the uranium would take about six months and needs a lot of technical assistance from the Iraqi side. This is not a simple operation." he said. "The operation will require

substantial support both in terms of equipment facilities and manpower from the Iraqi side." he said. "Iraq is obliged to bear the costs of the transfer which will be very high.'

While awaiting a plan to remove the material, previous U.N. missions had left the uranium at two nuclear facilities, including Tuwaitha, 30 kilometres southeast of Baghdad. In December a U.N. mission

said it had destroyed material

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mercial to military use if needed. Tuwaitha facility, which allied

warplanes hit during the 1991 Gulf war. Mr. Zifferero declined to say where the uranium would be paign to oust the government of

On landing in Bahrain, Mr. Zifferero told reporters that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) had agreement from one of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — Russia, the United

States, France, Britain and China — to take the fuel for processing. France and the former Soviet Union, he said, had delivered the uranium to Iraq in the first place. A contract still needs to be signed with the company or companies which would undertake the removal of the fuel. The IAEA had failed to reach an agreement earlier with a consor-

panies, he said. Once processed, the IAEA would offer the fuel for sale for normal use in nuclear reactors outside Iraq.

tium of British and French com-

The United Nations accused Iraq Friday of continued failure to fulfil pledges to dismantle its programmes to make weapons of mass destruction.

"Iraq's attempts to limit the (disarmament) commission's endeavours raise doubts about Iraq's intent," U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali said in a

The U.N. chief said he was particularly concerned about "dual-capable facilities," plants that can be switched from com-

In London, a new Iraqi opposition movement, claiming wide contacts in the Iraqi military, announced plans Friday to unite all opposition groups in a cam-

Saddam Hussein. General Aref Abdul Razzak, a former Iraqi prime minister who is chairman of the new movement. called for a conference of all opponents to create an Iraqi national council in exile elected by all Iraqis living abroad.

"We feel this is the first serious attempt to unite the major opposition groups by having them all co-sponsor a conference of all Iragis," said Saad Saleh Jabr, U.S.-educated Shi'ite Muslim president of the Free Iraqi Council and spokesman for the new movement.

Gen. Razzak, who led an abortive coup in Baghdad in 1965, had been a key figure in the Iraqi National Congress, which was formed last year by disparate movements opposed to President Saddam. But he said he quit because it did not represent Sunni Muslims who dominate the officers corps in the army and would be "the pillars" of any attempt to

overthrow the regime. The Iraqi opposition "cannot form an army to challenge Saddam" and his ouster must be engineered from within the Iraqi military, Gen. Razzak told a news conference.

"We think Saddam is still strong," he said. "We think the changeover must come from Baghdad itself."

### Top Israeli defence aide visits Egypt

CAIRO (AFP) — A senior Israeli defence ministry official held talks here with officials on arms treaties, the official MENA news agency reported Friday. It said the director general of

Israel's defence ministry, David Ivry, arrived in Egypt Wednesday, but gave no details on the talks, saying only that they centred on "treaties on the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction," adding that he left early Friday. Egypt has repeatedly urged

Israel to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Most Arab countries, including

Egypt, are signatories of the NPT. But they have made their agreement to a convention on the banning of chemical weapons conditional upon Israel's adherence to the NPT. Israel has never admitted to

having nuclear weapons but has said it would not be the first country to use them in the Middle The visit by Mr. Ivry, a reserve

general and head of the Israeli delegation to multilateral Arab-Israeli peace talks on arms control, came a day after a two-day visit to Egypt by Israeli Environment Minister Yossi Sarid.

Mr. Sarid tried to allay Egyptian fears about possible contamination in the southern Israeli desert from the Dimona nuclear plant following press reports.

### Sheikh eluded immigration after recent Canada trip NEW YORK (AP) — Sheikh trying the sheikh in absentia on

Omar Abdul Rahman, the Isla- charges of organising and leading mic fundamentalist linked to the suspects in the World Trade Centre bombing, eluded immigration officials after a recent trip to Canada, according to a published

The New York Times reported in Saturday's editions that it was the third time the sheikh managed to elude immigration authorities despite being on a State Department watch list of "terrorists and undesirables." He was reportedly in Canada in late 1992, months after his permanent residency permit was rescinded.

Had he been caught at the border, immigration authorities could have prevented Sheikh Abdul Rahman from entering the United States.

"If he went to Canada they could have excluded him coming back," Representative Charles Schumer told the Times. The Times said it was not clear

when he travelled to Canada and how and when he reentered the United States. Witnesses told the newspaper they saw the sheikh preaching at both an Islamic school and mosque in Ottawa. Sheikh Abdul Rahman's attorney denied that he went to Canada. The Justice Department has

said that the sheikh's failing health and the lack of evidence linking him to terrorism convinced federal authorities to keep him out of jail despite a pending deportation hearing. The Egyptian government is

an anti-government demonstration. He has been tried and acquitted three times in Egypt, including for the 1981 assassina-

tion of President Anwar Sadat. City Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato had asked the Justice Department to detain the sheikh, saying he is here illegally and has a strong connection to the World Trade Centre bombing suspects. But a letter to Ms. Holtzman,

released Thursday, gave federal authorities' reasons why the cleric was not taken into custody after a federal immigration judge ordered the sheikh deported. The expense of handling health care for the blind cleric was cited.

as was a lack of information directly trying Sheikh Abdul Rahman to any terrorist activity in the United States. Two of Sheikh Abdul Rahman's alleged followers have been charged in the Feb. 26

World Trade Centre bombing which killed six and injured more than 1,000. The fundamentalist preacher has not been charged and has publicly denounced the Sheikh Abdul Rahman, 55, entered the U.S. in July 1990 after

obtaining a tourist visa from the U.S. embassy in the Sudan.

The sheikh has continued preaching at mosques in Brooklyn and Jersey City while fighting deportation.

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Anglican Church Tel. 630851, Tel. Armenian Catholic Church Tcl. Armenian Orthodox Church Tct. St. Ephraim Church Tel. 771751. Amman International Church Tel. Evangelical Lutheran Church Tci: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Tcl. #23824, 654932

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# media in rural development

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CHIEF CHAMBERLAIN Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid

opens a charity bazaar for the Friendship Club for

Association. The one-day bazaar, attended by

By Ghaith El Lawzi

and Khaled Al Asmar

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The future of the

Sawt Al Shaab daily remains un-

predictable despite the govern-

ment's injection of JD 1.200,000

to repay part of the accumulated

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despite the newspaper's latest

attempt to revitalise sales and

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government preferred to keep its

share in the daily as is, the daily's

reputation in the market had to

be up to the level of the other two

main competitors. (Al Ra'i and

AMMAN (J.T.) — The first day

of a visit here by a 15-member

trade delegation from the Cana-

dain province of Quebec re-

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Robinson, paving the way for

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bilateral agreement on air trans-

port allows RI to operate flights

to Montreal and Toronto and

civil aviation authorities in

Quebec to operate flights be-

Cabinet approve 2 more party

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet Saturday

approved the issuance of licences to two political

parties to publish weekly newspapers. The licences

will be issued to the secretaries general of the

Progress and Justice Party, headed by Ali Fareed

Al Saad, and the Freedom Party, headed by

Fawwaz Al Zu'bi. The cabinet's decision was

issued upon a recommendation by Information

Minister Mahmoud Al Sharif and in accordance

with Article 16 of the 1973 Press and Publications

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"We tried to save the newspap-

er through paying its debts, but

the government refused at the

time. I suggested the idea to a

group of Jordanian investors, but

the offer was turned down by the

government," said Sami Gammo,

the ex-chairman of the daily's

In fact, the daily was seriously

suffering from high debts as well

as over-employment due to mis-

management. Still, when the gov-

Toronto, Montreal and

Amman, via European airports,

according to an official statement

quoted by the Jordan News

Following the signing cere-

mony Mr. Elkas said the agree-

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which groups members represent-

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Quebec Saturday also met with

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Mr. Elkas told the minister that

In reviewing Canadian-

major opportunities exist for bi-

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The Canadian delegation

Canada, Jordan agree to

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newspaper," said an official at Al

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The Quality of Life Project was launched by Noor Al Hussein Foundation in cooperation with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Ministry of Health with the goal of introducing a dynamic, innovative development programme that would improve the total quality of life of underprivileged individuals and communities in rural. urban and densely-populated parts of Jordan.

Pakistani Ambassador to Jordan Tareq Afreidi

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The Quebec delegation Satur-

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ments and specifications, which will be referred to

the Lower House of Parliament for approval in its

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree was issued

Saturday appointing Labour Minister Abdul

Karim Al Kabariti as Acting Foreign Minister in

place of Kamel Abu Jaber. Dr. Abu Jaber is

currently participating in the meetings of the

Islamic countries' foreign ministers conference.

Kabariti appointed acting

The statement said Dr. Ensour Council and senior business lead-

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The latest financial statement

The accumulated losses over



By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — After meetings with government officials and Jordanian businessmen on Thursday, a two-member United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UN-RWA) delegation Saturday toured Jordanian factories to determine their capabilities of producing essential products for Palestinian refugees.

According to an official at the Foreign Ministry's Department for Palestinian Affairs which organised the visit in an effort to encourage UNRWA to purchase necessities it supplies to the refugees from local Jordanian firms should UNRWA decide in favour of this offer it would be spending not less than \$70 million annually

The UNRWA team, comprising Abdul Ghani Khalil and Ahmad Balgees are concluding their several day visit and will leave Sunday and Tuesday for Vienna to report on their findings and their discussions in Jordan. Palestinian affairs department official Ihsan Bustami accompanied Mr. Khalil and Mr. Balgees on their visits to Jordanian factories manufacturing blankets, garments, detergents, stationary and pharmaceutical products — all of which are essential items distributed to refugees or used by the agency's centres in Arab countries hosting Palestinian refugees

in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, the

### West Bank Bank and the Gaza Japan offers Jordan small-scale grant help

AMMAN (J.T.) - As a means toensure better response to a vanety of development needs in Jordan, the government of Japan. based upon the consent of the government of Jordan, has recently decided to introduce a new scheme for extending Small-Scale Grant Assistance (SSGA) announced the Japanese government Thursday.

SSGA aims at providing financial assistance mainly to nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), research institutes, hospitals and local governments in Jordan, so that they can carry out their grass-roots projects said an Embassy of Japan statement. As far as it is a grass-roots development project, any project may be the subject of SSGA, it

But it said a project in one of the following sectors is desirable for SSGA; 1) primary health care, 2) primary education, 3) public welfare and environment. 4) WID (women in develop-

ment), 5) poverty relief.

### Visiting Dr. Ensour also briefed the Turkish trade team seeks deals

AMMAN (Petra) - President of the Amman Chamber of Industry Khaldoun Abu Hassan urged a visiting Turkish trade delegation Saturday to help promote trade exchange between Jordan and

Turkey and adjust the balance of trade between them. Jordan last year imported \$97 million worth of Turkish products, but was able to sell Turkey only \$15 million of Jordanian goods, Mr. Abu Hassan said at a meeting with the Turkish delega-

tion representing the Chamber of Trade in Instanbul. Through joint ventures and increased imports of Jordanian products by the Turkish private sector, the balance of trade could be

adjusted, said Mr. Abu Hassan. The head of the Turkish delegation said the visit aims at

studying prospects for promoting economic and trade links with Jordan, adding that Jordanian and Turkish businessmen are welcome to play a joint role towards promoting trade links between their countries and towards increasing trade links with the countries of Central Asia.

# NHF workshop stresses role of UNRWA | Communists re-elect Zayadin, but amend political programme

By Sausan Ghosheh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Yacoub Zayadin Saturday was re-elected as the general secretary of the Jordanian Communist Party (JCP), which also introduced major changes to its political program-me at the end of its first national legal congress.

The congress was attended by 193 delegates, representing different regions in Jordan and different segments of society.

According to Dr. Zayadin. women constituted 16 per cent. workers 35 per cent and youth 50 per cent of the delegates.

The congress was the first meeting of its kind and provided an excellent opportunity for members of the JCP to meet each other, Dr. Zayadin said. The three-day congress elected

a new central committee and an inspection committee, which reviews the actions and decisions of the central committee. Dr. Zayadin said approximate-

ly 50 per cent of the central committee members are new. In addition, he explained that the congress decided to form an inspection committee, a new phenomenon in the JCP, to ensure the correct practices of the central committee and to strengthen democracy.

Observers commented that the JCP is undergoing a democratization process. All the meetings and elections were open to the press. More important, for the first time in its 40-year history. the JCP, held free and open elections.

Although the former JSP leadership compiled a suggested list of the new central committee, the door was open for nominations from the floor and 39 were nominated, of which 25 were elected. When asked why there was a

suggested list, Laila Nafaa, member of the JCP's current central committee, said it was seen as necessary because most of the delegates do not know each

During the meetings, serious discussions and disagreements arose, which Dr. Zayadin perdemocratic process.

"Democracy needs practice. There were many heated discus- as a guide for our work."



Jordanian Communist Party (JCP) General Secretary Yacoub Zayadin (centre), flanked by JCP central committee members Abdel Aziz Al Ateh

sions, but through democracy we were able to come out with a form of unity," he maintained. One of the main changes issued by the congress was the introduction of minority rights within the

party, said Ms. Nafaa. She explained that those who disagree with the decision of the majority now have the right to discuss their ideas and to publish

them in the party literature. The congress also discussed the political programme and charter of the JCP.

Dr. Zayadin said "the JCP passed through difficult times and now we want to live a normal life... away from secrecy."

He explained that the JCP feels more responsible now, than when they were an underground party. adding that it is no longer enough to oppose the government, the JCP needs to provide alternatives and solutions.

"The party needs to develop practical and scientific programmes that suit the current period." Dr. Zayadin maintained.

The congress produced few changes in the documents presented to it.

In the philosophy of the party, the congress decided to change ceived as healthy and part of the the phrase "to abide by the ... Marxist-Leninist theory," to "We. use the Marxist-Leninist theory

(left) and Munir Hamarneh, Saturday addresses the party's first, national legal congress (Photo by Yousef 'Alan' On the Palestinian question,

the congress changed the motto from the liberation of Palestine. to the liberation of Palestine through the strengthening of the cy. Jordanian democracy and the solidarity with the intifada.

Dr. Zayadin said the JCP 15 calling for the strengthening of democracy, the ensurance of hu-Jordanian society. In addition, the JCP stresses

the need to hold an economic national conference to adopt a social and economic programme that will end the "economic crisis" of the country and find a solution to the debt problem.

Ms. Nafaa said the congress decided to form committees concerned with human rights and the environment.

its support for the workers of Libya. Jordan and granting women all their economic, political and social rights. The congress called for unity

among the parties in Jordan to protect the country from external forces, to liberate Palestine and to reduce unemployment and

among leftist parties. Dr. deem necessary to guarantee Zayadin said it is a premature proper performance by the leadidea that needs more discussion. ership.

The JCP took the opportunity to invite those who left the party to return and work to guarantee social development and democra-

The congress also stressed that education and culture are important elements for the development and progress of society. warning the masses of the danman rights and the reduction of gers inherent in the "imperialist" illiteracy and backwardness in culture that has affected their morais.

> The JCP condemned the regionalism, factionalism and terrorism that is present in the Arab World. It focused on the establishment of a realistic and studied unity among the Arab countries to face such problems. The congress voiced its support

for Cuba and North Korea in their stand against the "imperialist" powers. Furthermore, it called for end to the U.N. imposed The JCP congress also affirmed embargoes against Iraq and

A statement was issued, by the congress condemning Russian President Boris Yeltsin for destroying the economic structure of Russia and for supporting the "mafia" and the "Western intelligence agencies."

The delegates for this congress will hold their posts until the next When asked about the unity congress, meeting whenever they

#### Mismar to head pharmacists again in force between 1972 and 1992, 10-year waiting period applicable

By Elia Nasrallah Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Husam Mismar, who was re-elected as president of the Jordanian Pharmacists Association (JPA) for a second term Friday, said the new JPA board will direct its attention in the next two years to issues on two different fronts.

First, Mr. Mismar said, "working closely with the 11-member council I intend to push for reforms of the present JPA election law and for better pension and health insurance schemes for JPA members."

In a statement to the Jordan Times Saturday. Mr. Mismar said a draft amendment to the present JPA election law, concerning JPA's statutes, is now under consideration and awaiting endorsement by the legislation bureau at the prime minister's office;

The second front, Mr. Mismar

with the Health Ministry, which ruled last August that pharmacists are allowed to open drug-

stores country-wide. The JPA had contested the measure and sued the ministry at the Higher Court of Justice, but lost the case last week when the court ruled that the ministry's decision was in accordance with the law.

The Health Ministry has ruled that any pharmacist is eligible for a licence to open a pharmacy two years after submitting his/her licence application, and opening of new pharmacies is not restricted to a certain area. The JPA charged that such

practice would prompt most pharmacists to open in Amman and ignore the remote regions, and that the move could transform the profession into a purely commercial business.

Under the previous regulations

plications, Mr. Mismar ex- Mismar explained.

has created unemployment instead of helping employ jobless

tives and appointing assistant said Mr. Mismar. pharmacists to run them, thus maintained.

The JPA has been trying to Control Department.

pharmacists were granted li- to the Amman area only, in order cences to open drugstores 10 to encourage pharmacists to open years after submitting their ap- drugstores outside the capital. Mr Under the present arrange-

The ministry's recent decision ment, licences are being issued all year round, Mr. Mismar said. We plan to pursue the case pharmacists, charged Mr. regardless of the court ruling and will contest measures that could Under the new regulations be found to be violating the prewealthy pharmacists are now sent health laws of the country opening several drugstores in the because we hope to improve names of their friends and rela- them rather than impede them.

JPA sources told the Jordan depriving less fortunate pharma- Times that the Health Ministry cists of the chance to open their supervised the elections through own enterprises. Mr. Mismar Maisaa Al Saket, director of the ministry's Pharmacy and Drug

reduce the waiting period for The sources said that eight of licences from 10 to about three the 11 new board members (inyears provided the new pharma- cluding Mr. Mismar) are Islamists cies are opened in rural regions and three are leftists, including -and smaller towns, and keep the one woman Lama Khreis.

# WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

Art exhibition entitled "The Legend of Petra II" by artist Suha Shoman at the National Gallery for Fine Arts.

Art exhibition by Samia Al Zaru and Adnan Yahya at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery. \* Exhibition of prints, entitled "Architectural Motifs from the

Arab World," by Rima Farah at The Gallery, Hotel Jordan Intercontinental. ★ Exhibition of watercolour paintings by Lebanese artist Randa

Berouti at Romero Restaurant, & Exhibition of ceramics by Margaret Tadros at the Spanish

Cultural Centre. \* Art exhibition by Dr. Laila Bustamfi at the Royal cultural

Centre. Art exhibition by Jordanian artist Ahmad Nawash at the

French Cultural Centre.

Exhibition of sculptures by Syrian artist Aktham Abdul Hameed at Baladna Art Gallery.

\* Art exhibition by Syrian Artist Yousef Abdelke at Al Balka's Gallery, Al Fubeis city.

### **LECTURE**

A Lecture, in Arabic, by Minister of Culture Mahmoud Al Samra entitled "Cultural Centre in Jordan - Reality and Future" at the Scientific and Culture Centre of Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation at 6 p.m.

### FILM

\$\frac{1990}{2}\$ feature film entitled "Reversal of Fortune" at 5 p.m. at the American Centre (R-rated, 111 min.).

The National Music Conservatory Noor Al Hussein Foundation

Schiller - Institut present

Seth Taylor (violin) and Monica Ripamonti (piano)

### VIOLIN & PIANO RECITAL

Sunday, 25 April 1993 - 8:00 P.M. The Royal Cultural Centre - Main Theatre

Taylor and Ripamonti will perform three violin sonatas by Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms. Their recital will reinforce the application of Classical well-tempered tuning (A = 432) and its implication on a better music appreciation.

Tickets, for JD 5 each, are available at:

- The Royal Cultural Centre, Tel. 669026 - Babiche, Tel. 661322

Romero Restaurant, Tel. 644227

- Philadelphia Hotel, Tel. 663100

Rihani Stores, Tel. 693775

- The National Music Conservatory, Tel. 687620

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## By Dr. Fahed Al Fanek

# An independent Arab political daily published in English by the Jordan Press "-undation

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### Standard to torture?

NO MATTER which way the Israeli high court will decide on the legality of the "moderate physical pressure" that the Israeli general security service, Shin Bet, condones as lawful when interrogating Palestinians, the fact remains that the Jewish state's record on torture is dismal. Even since the beginning of the Palestinian intifada, no less than 2,000 to 3,000 Palestinian detanees or prisoners have been tortured or ill-treated, according to documented evidence obtained by several non-governmental organisations concerned with human rights abuses. Israeli authorities have been lax, to put it mildly, in meeting their government's treaty obligations under both the International Convention Against Torture and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The liberal application of moderate physical pressure has also been stretched to legalise the so-called "nonviolent psychological pressure," something that clearly runs counter to international jurisprudence against torture and ill-treatment of detainees or prisoners.

The lip-service that Israel pays to various human rights instruments can be best illustrated by the fact that "non-violent psychological pressure" and "moderate physical pressure" have been construed by Shin Bet and other Israeli security agencies to mean that all sorts of physical brutalities which leave no physical trace can be tolerated. According to current Israeli standards, it is thus not inhuman to take detainees and prisoners before a mock firing squad or be led to mock gallows, in callous attempts to drive fear and pain into their hearts.

But even if the highest court in Israel finally decides against the legality of the present guidelines on torture, the issue will remain as to how to overturn all past convictions based on improper methods of interrogation and how to provide effective remedies to the victims of torture.

As we doubt that Israelis themselves have ever been the subject of systematic torture in their country, we have to question whether the rule of law in Israel does not accommodate two standards for justice: One for Jewish citizens and the other for Palestinians.

With the tenth session of the U.N. Committee against torture being currently in session in Geneva, it would be only right for its members to order a probe into Israeli police practices and also look at conditions in prisons where Arabs are kept in their thousands.

Israel cannot continue to plead the argument that it is a democracy (or worse still the only democracy in the Middle East) as long as its record on basic human rights is that dismal. As Israel is due to submit its reports to both committees, the one on torture and the other on civil and political rights, it should be well-understood that the two instruments apply to Israel proper as well as to the Israeli-occupied territor-

When the Israeli case comes under close scrutiny by these two bodies, there will be additional opportunities to dig deeper into some grave violations committed by the Jewish state against Palestinians. The picture that emerges will no doubt compromise Israel's image as a democratic state that respects the human rights of others. But will Israel ever draw from it the right lesson namely that occupation can only lead to more repression, more violence and widespread suffering?

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I Arabic daily Saturday tackled the question of continued sanctions on Iraq in general and the U.N. refusal to allow the Iragis to retrieve its civilian planes that had taken refuge in other countries just before the Gulf war. The Iraqis want the planes for civilian purposes, including the transportation of pilgrims to the holy places in Saudi Arabia, said the daily. The United Nations remains adamant in its position and is taking just stands against Iraq which is totally committed to implementing the sanctions, the paper said. Depriving the Iraqis of the right to retrieve their own planes can only exacerbate the Iraqi population's sufferings and continue to impede the Iraqi authorities' drive to supply the people with food and medicine, the paper said. Such inhuman practices against the Iraqi people are violations of human rights and an immoral exercise against a U.N. member nation, the paper continued. The time has come for the Sanctions Committee at the United Nations to view objectively and positively the whole situation in light of the needs of the Iraqi people so that the Security Council can take a more positive and just resolution, demanded the paper. It said that being cruel to the Iragis, under the pretext of international legitimacy, can by no means contribute to the establishment of security and peace in the Gulf.

FAHED AL Fanek, a columnist in Al Ra'i Saturday demanded that the present election law be changed because it does not cater in any way to the needs of the present stage of democracy and falls far short of meeting the requirements of justice. The writer said that the present law is a farce created by the 1986 Parliament which, at the time, did not have actual representation of the people. The election law divides the constituencies in a manner that does not reflect the actual distribution of the people and the opportunities for the candidates are not equal for winning, said the writer. He said that there are numerous loopholes in the present election law that make it obsolete, especially since the last experiment proved it to be difficult to apply equitably and fairly. continued the writer. He said that for example under the present law, a citizen can vote for six candidates in one area while in another constituency, a local citizen can only vote for two and aly, the feld that a change of the law is a requirement by the present democracy to flourish and for political pluralisms

to be exercised in a more meaningful manner.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

# Sales tax — a painful setback

After publishing over 20 columns, in Al Ra'i (Arabic) and the Jordan Times, to support the sales tax draft law, I do not lack the courage to withdraw my support for the law. Not because I have backed off my position, but because the minister of finance has retreated and abandoned most of the salient points in the original draft. Unfortunately, he gave in to the pressures of the private sector's monsters; thus the law became tailored to the wishes of big business, at the expense of the treasury and the vast majority of the people. It is a pity that the minister of finance, the champion of the economic adjustment programme, was unable to take the heat and chose to appease the importers and submit to their demands.

The worst and most unfortunate concession that the minister of finance, and consequently the government, gave to importers is that the sales tax will be applicable to the cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value of imports i.e., before adding the cost of customs duty. This alteration is obviously a stab in the back of domestic industry, which is required to pay the same rate, but applicable to the whole price of the commodity, including even the elements of income tax and profits. This technical change means a reduction of one third of the tax on imports.

Such a practice obviously runs contrary to the best interest of the national economy. It favours imports and shifts jobs from the domestic economy to the economies of the countries from where the imports originate. This is of course against the interests of the working class, especially when unemployment is still as high as 18 per cent of the labour force.

The second concession made, or about to be made, by the minister of finance is the exemption of services from the sales tax. Lawyers, engineers, architects, auditors, advertising agents and other all-mighty professionals would not give their blessing to the

law as long as the sales tax would reach them. This concession means that the law lost what remained of its neutrality. It penalises the commodity production sector which deserves every encouragement and favours the inflated services sector which forms two thirds of the economy.

I am not sorry for the relentless campaign I have led to justify the sales tax as an integral part of the economic adjustment programme. The sales tax I defended and promoted was a reform, in the right direction, to the present consumption tax. However, after all the deals, concessions and distortions there is no more a reform whatsoever, only a change of name, which the International Monetary Fund (IMF) may be naive enough to accept. Among other concessions extracted from the minister of finance is the reduction of the general rate from 10 to five per cent. Officials assured us that the proceeds of the new sales tax will be substantially equal to the proceeds of the old consumption tax, which it will replace. We cannot understand now how the proceeds will continue to be financially neutral when the general rate is halved. It is not reasonable to continue to claim that the proceeds will be neutral irrespective of the rate.

The economic neutrality is also out of question when we have four different rates, namely: zero, 5 per cent, 10 per cent, and 20 per cent. The wide variation of the tax creates artificial

advantages and disadvantages and operates as an incentive to alter the behaviour of both investors and consumers at the expense of economic feasibility considerations and economic sense. This is a new distortion introduced into the economy to worsen the allocation of resources.

It was argued that the concession given to importers was meant to prevent price changes, up and down, of certain commodities in the market, because without this concession prices of imports may rise between three per cent and 10 per cent, and the competing local commodities would look less expensive. This justification is meaningless, because the sales tax, either before or after the concession, will alter the prices of certain commodities anyway as long as the rates of the new sales tax will not be the same as the rates of the present consumption tax and many commodities which will be charged with sales tax were not subjected to the previous consumption tax.

Being the first and perhaps the only outspoken defender of the unpopular sales tax. I hereby distance myself from this law in its latest distorted version which is no longer a tax reform. On the contrary, it will create new distortions. I am saddened by the fact that the determination to adhere to the economic adjustment programme started to fade out and that the officials, which were the symbols of determination, started to give in and make concessions. Unless the sales tax law is restored to its original version, the whole economic reform and the adjustment programme will be put into jeopardy.

# As the dust settles post-referendum, expect more chaos

By John-Lee P. Holmes

On the rebound from the Group of Seven (G-7) industrialised nations' provision of \$43.4 billion in overall aid. Russian President Boris Yeltsin hopes to gain a favourable electoral "bounce" on today's referendum. Around \$2 billion in Western aid is scheduled to be released within the next few months, too late to have an immediate psychological im-

Accordingly, while it is not certain how the aid announcement will affect the referendum, it seems more likely that, to the extent that it has any impact at all, the G-7 gesture will tend to reinforce rather than adjust preexisting atti-

Mr. Yeltsin's support. according to trends measured in the 1991 election and recent opinion surveys, is stronger in the urban areas and among the vouth. But the latter are among those expected to show the lowest turnout at the polls Sunday.

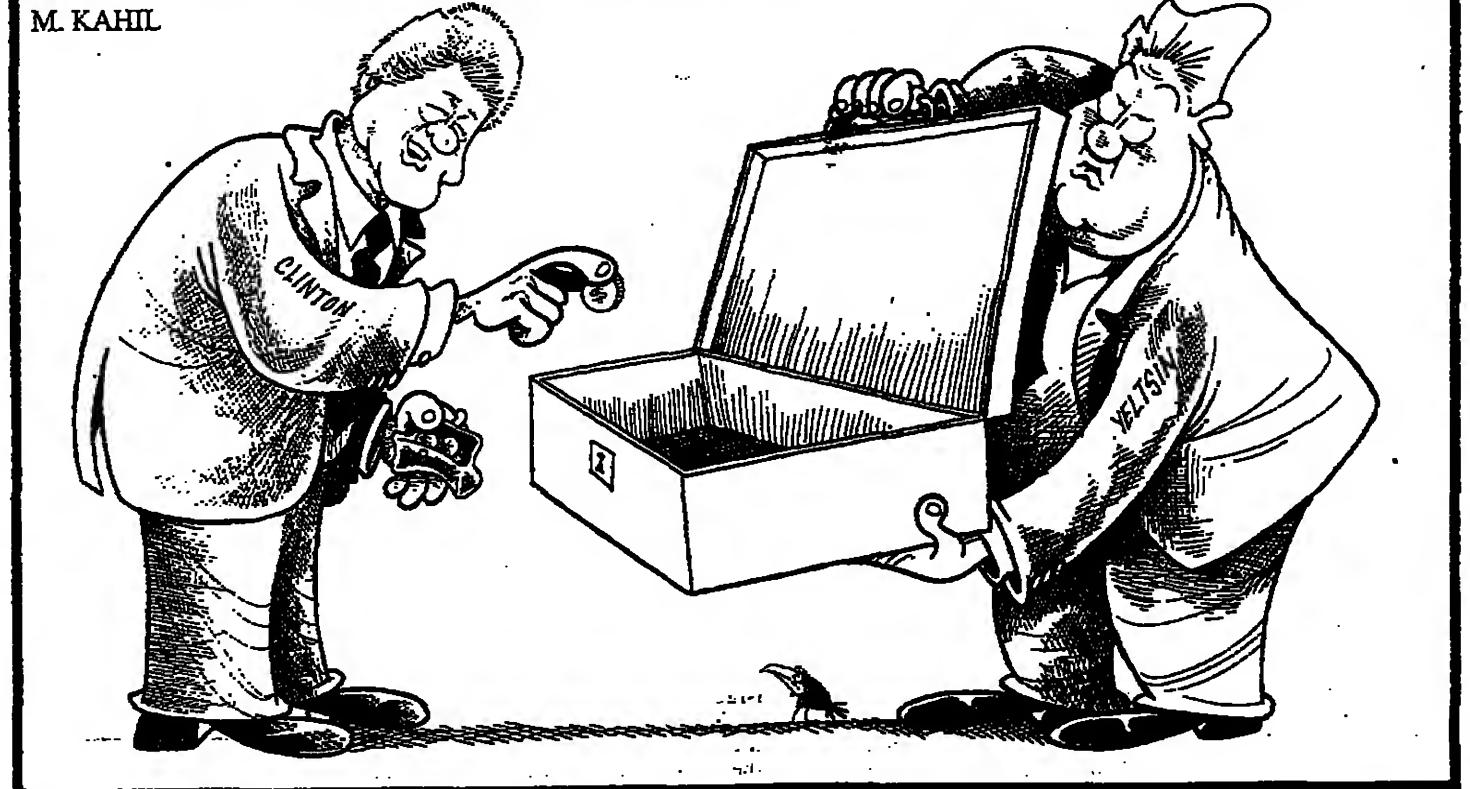
In the provinces, where the four-question ballot will be won or lost, disapproval of the president remains high and it is here that Mr. Yeltsin has concentrated his election cering.

Yet Mr. Yeltsin's trips to Siberia and other important voting areas have not shown the kind of Western-style gladhanding that characterised his 1991 election victory. Instead he has focused on backroom deals with provincial. agro-farm and state industry bosses. Patronage, especially at the provincial level, has been targeted as the primary agent of political influence.

Mr. Yeltsin has gambled on the seasoned observation that, whether a legacy of communism or of the feudal system Lenin allegedly buried, rural Russian voters tend to rely upon the "suggested" choice of their state farm boss or factory head. It has been widely rumoured that as part of this strategy a tacit agreement between Mr. Yeltsin and these regional power brokers has evolved which will legitimise the devolution of power to the regions.

In return, these regional brokers have agreed to allow the referendum to go forward (many have not abided by Moscow's authority for some time) and are likely to encourage support for Yeltsin.

The embattled Russian leader also enjoys some important



support from the mass media. especially television. The two primary stations (the president nominates their principals) have given him hours of public access with little or no countervailing air time for Yeltsin opponents from within the Congress of People's Deputies.

The print media has been less one-sided, however. With respect to the largest dailies, Izvestia has supported Mr. Yeltsin in an editorial clash with Pravda, an advocate for Mr. Yeltsin's opponents. The public debate. by all accounts, has become increasingly shrill and didactic.

Amidst all of this posturing with respect to the content of the referendum an important compromise regarding the counting rules for the plebiscite was agreed upon by the constitutional court just days before the opening of the polls,

The court decided that of the four questions asked on the referendum - do you have confidence in the president; do you approve of the social and economic policies implemented since 1992; do you think elections for the president ought to be held; do you think elections for the congress ought to be held — the first two will be won by the side receiving over 50 per cent from among those who actually turn

out to vote (the procedure favoured by Mr. Yeltsin) and the latter two according to whether they can gain the approval of over 50 per cent of the total 106 million electorate (the procedure originally designated by the congress for all four questions).

Parliamentary Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov announced shortly after the court's deci-. sion, however, that his resistance to Mr. Yeltsin would not be halted unless he wins a total electorate majority and the speaker will not accept a turnout majority as granting Mr. Yeltsin a mandate.

The actual turnout counting rule, used by most governments in the world and statistically representative of the total electorate's opinion, was favoured by Mr. Yeltsin because the total electorate counting rule makes it mathematically very difficult to win. Even if Mr. Yeltsin achieved a high 80 per cent voter turnout (85 million voters) he would still need 54 million or 63 per cent of those turning out to vote to secure over 50 per cent of the total electorate as opposed to needing only 43 million to gain a majority under normal election proce-

In the 1991 presidential contest, for example, Mr. Yeltsin

and Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi secured 57 per cent of those who voted. Yet this was only roughly a third of the total electorate. Unfortunately, the constitu-

tional court's compromise, while it may allow Mr. Yeltsin to squeeze past with a narrow margin on the first question (the second is even less likely to gain Mr. Yeltsin a "da", however), does not bode well for the last two. And this is a recipe for post-referendum chaos.

Even on the first question, recent polls project that Mr. Yeltsin is losing steam. A late March poll by the pro-radical reform Izvestia said some 60 per cent "trust" Mr. Yeltsin as opposed to only two per cent for Speaker Khasbulatov and 12 per cent for Vice-President Rutskoi. In the most recent survey, reported on the BBC Saturday, Mr. Yeltsin scored slightly less than the 50 per cent of likely voters.

Neither Mr. Khasbulatov nor Mr. Rutskoi is likely to endure as a national leader inhis own right. Someone else will have to emerge to challenge Mr. Yeltsin. Mr. Khasbulatov is a Chechen at a time when Russian troops are engaging Chechen irregular forces in the breakaway repubbehalf of the Russian people. It is quite conceivable that

the voters who turn out will still form a majority in favour of elections, and Mr. Yeltsin has announced he will accept 'joint" elections at the end of the year if he loses the referendum. But it will be difficult and create a great deal of turmoil should a weakened Yeltsin attempt to force the congress to accept such elec-

is dependent upon the

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sufficient authority to act on

The question of direct rule or rule by military decree will return. The ensuing political uncertainty and Mr. Yeltsin's diluted ability to enforce economic decisions in the provinces (now sanctioned by prereferendum deal-making) will render the donor nations increasingly reticent about releasing the promised immediately ate and long-term aid.

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The West had hoped that economic reforms, while creating a degree of havoc, would be able to proceed with the immediacy they deserve and that political restructuring could follow in their wake. This misjudgment has been aggravated by a failure to provide the necessary monetary liquidity. More generous aid would have facilitated economic adjustment in an environment which better enabled political reforms to go forward within a relatively stable, albeit artificially buttressed, milicu.

Such a policy would have been financially expensive. But the present situation on the eve of Russia's referendum is not a terribly reassuring one either.

When a country possesses enough equivalent megatonnage to destroy the world some fourteen times over, as does Russia, the weighing of "expenses" becomes a far more complicated endeavor. The perennial question which westem leaders ought to reassess is who — bankers or strategists — should determine the rules for such precarious yet vital strategic and economic balancing acts?

The writer, a Ph.D. student in international political economy and a teaching assistant for a course on nuclear weapons and foreign policy at the University of Virginia, is currently on the staff of the Jordan Times.

### King hopes for breakthrough

(Continued from page 1)

Q: Because we had the impress- can towards that end. Let us hope ion that the Palestinians are that the elements of opposition to actually going to these talks reluc- the only worthy cause a just and tantly under pressure from Arab durable peace in the area on governments, including your either side of the divide will not own, and also because they know they haven't really got the sup- for all concerned in this area. port of Palestinians in the occu- O: Do you really think that the pied territories?

able in the occupied territories. The situation becomes works, as A: It is a challenging moment and going is with conviction and manifesting great courage provided the umbrella of the joint regarding their future. I hope it to achieve our objectives. would be possible for them to do O: Because we have Mr. Rabin more. We will be supportive of saying that he is in no mood to Palestinians and trying to secure make any concession to the

kind of peace which future gen- their rights on their soil and we erations can live with, protect and are for a comprehensive settlement and we will do all that we succeed in destroying this chance delegation has the support of the A: I think conditions are intoler- Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank?

people and differ to despair. So all depends on the results. That let us hope that these negotia- are achieved in the coming talks. tions will provide the window of I hope also that it would be hope that all deserve and need. I possible to work out all that believe that the delegation that is would enable us to continue these talks, all the parties concerned, and that we would not fall hostage in the immediate future for delegation to help the Palesti- any further action on the side of nians to speak for themselves any to try to derail us from trying

Palestinians either on deportations or the closure of the territories, on conditions inside the occupied territories. It is as if all the time Israel knows that it has got all the cards stacked in its

A: If the result is failure — I hope that it would not be — it is not that the Arab side that is to be blamed for assuming a role in producing such a disaster. So let us wait and see. Q: Do you think that you will

have a better deal out of the Labour government in Israel so far than you have out of the Likud government? A: It is too early to suggest that

such is the case.

Q: Because some say there they could see no difference in the approach between Mr. Shamir and Mr. Rabin, except Mr. Peres saying that you can have self-rule, you can empty your dustbins and you can drive your own buses but basically you are not going to get independence?

A: I think that the basic difference is regarding the previous government in Israel, it started the process, but it wasn't convinced that it should be in power

when it achieved any of objectives that were obviously the target of all others - in terms of the solution based on 242, land for peace, the occupied territories of 1967, Palestinian rights on Palestinian soil. You may have the impression of the idea, the

But I know that we are seeking a solution which future generations can live with and can protect, can feel has given them a chance to live in peace in that region. We have had too many obstacles in the very outset but let us hope that now we will proceed. . O: What specifically does Jordan want out of these talks? Are you still hopeful one day you will get East Jerusalem back?

A: East Jerusalem is a part of the occupied territories. Jerusalem has to become in the context of peace the essence of peace between followers of the three monotheistic religions. East Jerusalem was occupied in June of 1967. When we speak of Arab Jerusalem we speak of the rights of the Christians and Muslims alike as well. So in the context of

peace I hope a formula would be found if we have the vision all of us would ensure that Jerusalem becomes a meeting place where the rights of all are preserved. Q: You have been on the throne nearly 40 years. Your are about to celebrate that fact. Aren't you Israeli. Now we see a different you have been through, this time struggle.

Mr. Rutskoi, an Afghanistan

war hero, helped secure the

military and farmer vote for

Mr. Yeltsin two years ago but

has not been able to parlay any

popular success from his recent

turn against the president. The

vice-president's actions and

Mr: Yeltsin's counterattack

have only had the effect of

peeling off support from Mr.

Yeltsin and have not benefit-

ted either Mr. Rutskoi or Mr.

As a result, even if the most

likely scenario obtains — Mr.

Yeltsin wins narrowly on the

confidence vote but loses on

the reform question — this will

produce no mandate in either

direction and there will be no

one of stature to take Mr.

On top of this, with respect

to the latter two questions, it is

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ly insurmountable, hurdles set

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Most observers agree that a

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quisite for a resolution of the

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and time again? Aren't you beginning to feel that this is too much of a burden that to carry? A: I do not believe it is as heavy as it has always been, but one has never lived for onself or for the moment. If I succeed in bringing the region closer to peace it will belief, that all that territory was feeling world-weary with all that be a kind of achievement of my

### Jordan urges movement of labour

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safe and stable channels for com- graduates and the choice of their modities, interests and persons, works of roads, water, electricity and communication. This new concept has the virtue of bringing Arab countries closer to the experiments of regional economic conglomerates established by other groups of states that enjoy less cohesion and harmony than that enjoyed by the Arab states."

"We expect Arab universities to do a lot in circumventing quantitative achievements; concentrating on the capabilities of

disciplines; encouraging research and as junctions for national net- and the achievement of excellence; contributing to the development of society and establishing its production base; and taking active part in the process of creative thinking active part in the process of creative thinking and forming positive practices and consuetudes in society. May the present decade witness beginnings that espouse such major tasks so that Arab societies may be enabled to achieve further progress, cooperation and free-

### Arab teams head for bilaterals

Husseini told about 300 merchants. "This is just talk. Those who are asking the delegation to withdraw should have a better uniers at the alternative."

"This is not a battle for liberat-Palestine," Mr. Husseini added. "We are trying to reach a political solution, not an ideological one."

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Delegates Ghassan Khatib and Samir Abdullah of the communist People's Party have said they would stay away because Israel refuses to promise an end to expulsions.

The head of the delegation, Dr. Haidar Abdul Shafi, told the Associated Press Friday he had not yet decided whether he would go to Washington. He said he had "full sympathy" for the two delegates who decided to stay away, In the West Bank town of Ramallah, 35 relatives of expellees demonstrated Saturday outside the home of Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman of the delegation.

"Your people are damning you," shouted one woman when Mr. Husseini came out to talk to the protesters. "God will punish you," yelled another. "Where are our sons, busbands and brothers?" read a placard.

Mr. Husseini said the delegation would withdraw if nothing tangible was being achieved. Ten bodyguards carrying clubs watched the debate from two parked. cars, but did not intervene. Security for Palestinian delegates has been tightened following threats by Muslim militants against them.

The Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, vowed Saturday to intensify attacks against Israel to thwart the peace talks and abandoned reconciliation efforts with the Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO). Ibrahim Ghosheh, spokesman for the Hamas faction, told a news conference in Amman the escalation in violence will be aimed against Israel's military rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But he stressed that Hamas will not attack other Palestinian factions or members of the Palesti-

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nian negotiating team. "The leadership of Hamas issued its instructions to all its cadres inside Palestine not to resort to violence against Palestinian people or organisations, but against the Zionist enemy," Mr.

Ghosheh said. Mr. Ghosheh, one of Hamas' representatives in Jordan, bitterly denounced the PLO leadership for agreeing to resume the peace

He declared that Hamas will not attend a planued reconciliation meeting with the PLO scheduled for Monday in Khartoum, Sudan

Mr. Ghosheh warned of "serious divisions that threaten the unity of the Palestinian people" over the peace talks.

In Marj Al Zohour, Lebanon, the nearly 400 Palestinian expellees stranded in southeast Lebanon will march on Israeli army lines Monday to protest the resumption of the peace talks, their spokesman said Saturday.

The spokesman, Gaza physician Abdul Aziz Rantisi, also rejected the PLO call upon all Palestinians to close ranks behind the leadership's decision to resume the peace talks.

"In response to the grave decision to return to the talks and betrayal of the deportees' cause, we shall stage a new march toward Zommaraya Monday, the 26th of April," Dr. Rantisi told reporters.

Zommaraya is on the northeastern edge of a self-styled "security zone" Israel occupies in South Lebanon.

The Damascus-based Fateh-Intifada led by Abu Musa which opposes the PLO warned the Palestinian delegates against going back to the negotiating

It held "the deviationist (PLO) leadership responsible for resumption of the talks and warned the Palestinian delegation members of this policy's dangers."

The hardline Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine has called on the Palestinians to stage a general strike on April 27, when the talks resume.

### Sudan accuses Egypt of plot

(Continued from page 1) financed camps and sending them to Egypt to destabilise President Hosni Mubarak's government.

Mr. Mubarak, in a speech Saturday, issued a warning against those interfering in other countries; affairs that seemed; partly aimed at Sudan.

He urged such nations to "concentrate on resolving the problems of their people before thinking of exporting terrorism to others. ... It is the right of any nation to send back aggression and terrorism to its owners.

At his news conference in Khartoum Gen. Bashir said the commander of the "invading forces" was to have been retired army Brigadier Abdul Aziz Khalid who is now in Nairobi, Kenya. He said the plotters intended to

set up a 13-man military council after overthrowing his regime headed by retired General Fathi Ahmad Ali who was army commander when Gen. Bashir seized power in June 1989.

Gen. Ali's deputy was to be John Garang, leader of the main concefaction of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) which has been fighting since 1983 against what it sees as the domination of the mainly Christian and animist south by the Arabised government in the

The SPLA was to have three other members in the rebel military council, Gen. Bashir said. He said a council of ministers was also be formed under Sadeq Al Mahdi who was prime minister until his overthrow by in 1989.

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### Christopher: Meaningful Palestinian self-government possible WASHINGTON (USIA) -

Secretary of State Warren Christopher says that "serious and meaningful Palestinian selfgovernment is possible as an interim stage toward a negotiated final status."

Addressing the annual convention of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) Friday, Mr. Christopher said that the objective of the negotiating process "is a real peace that will see occupation give way to interim self-government arrangements and a new relationship between Israelis and Palesti-

"This outcome must provide a peaceful and orderly transfer of authority to the Palestinians," he

A negotiated settlement in the Middle East. Mr. Christopher said, would be built on a number of principles, "including land for peace, the realisation of the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people, security for all parties, and the normalisation of relations in the area.

Mr. Christopher also discussed policy towards Lebanon. Iraq, Iran, as well as human rights, Islam and its perceived threats to U.S. interests.

Tonight. I would like to state clearly that Islam is not our enemy," Mr. Christopher stressed. "Nor do we consider Islam a threat to world peace or to regional security.

"What we do oppose is extremism or fanaticism, whether of a religious or secular nature. "We part company with those who preach intolerance, abuse Allinan rights, or resort to violeties in pursuit of their political gals," Christopher said.

Following are major excerpts from Mr. Christopher's speech: The end of the cold war has created an unusual opportunity for progress toward peace in the region. In the Middle East, such opportunities are unlikely to last very long, and the cost of lost opportunity is very high indeed. It's precisely because of the recognition of these costs, that every Administration for over the last four decades — Democratic and

Republican alike -- has played an

active role in the search for peace

in the Middle East. From the outset of this Administration, President Climon has made clear his commitment to promoting peace in the Middle East. And we have been working hard to bring the Israelis and Arabs and Palestinians back to the negotiating table so that we can move ahead to grasp the promise of peace.

#### Peace Process

As you know, two days ago, the parties agreed to return to the peace talks in Washington next

### PLO lists 'assurances' package

the principle of exchanging land for peace) as the rules of reference for the negotiations at all

— "The reaffirmation by the American sponsor of its commitment to the ground rules of the peace process, including the principle of land for peace and the Palestinian people's legitimate political rights.

The PLO also called on Palestirians to unite behind its decision to resume talks with Israel. It said support for the Palestinian delegation to the talks was necessary "so it can continue its

strife on the negotiations front." The statement added: "The PLO calls on our great struggling people and the valiant militants of the uprising to show more unity and to close ranks to foil the bets of the enemies to undermine this unity."

Palestinian Jeager Landisal Husseini said Saturday that Palestinians could use other means to settle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict if negotiations with Israel failed.

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forces with Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi who last week said

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> "The Israelis have to understand something — there are means of negotiations, and there are other means. If the Israelis want to use other means then we too will use other means," Mr. Husseini said in a Hebrew-language interview on Israel Radio. He did not elaborate.

Israel Radio, quoting Palestinian officials, said Mr. Husseini recently met Mr. Rabin. The two discussed the resumption of the peace talks and Mr. Hisseini raised the plight of the Palestinians caused by Israel's closure of the occupied West bank and Gaza Strip.

Mr. Rabin's office defied the meeting took place. Mr. Husseini said in the interview that the Palestinians would raise the question of East Jerusalem in the negotiations with Israel.

"We will raise the matter of allthe occupied lands, and teven if the final status of Jerusalem will be (decided) in another period, we will discuss what havens daily in Jerusalem," he said.

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he had "11 suitcases fall of compromising material" on senior semi-feudal, semi-colonial capigovernment members implicating talism" based on "criminal-type them in illegal deals with fortign mafiosi and Western entrep-

Mr. Rutskoi's claims with the Mr. Khasbulatov has joined heart of growing discontent among Russians.

development. Too much time has been lost. Now is the time for real progress, and now is the time to help the peacemakers — not those determined to destroy any possibility of making peace in the region. Together, we must seize the chance to negotiate a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace settlement, based upon United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242

and 338. "The promise of peace — the benefits that will flow from peace - are becoming more apparent to all the parties. A negotiated settlement would be built on a number of principles, including land for peace, the realisation of the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people, security for all parties, and the normalisation of relations in the area. By securing peace, terrorists can be marginalised. The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction can be curbed. And the promise of regional economic growth and cooperation can be fulfilled.

The Middle East does not have to stand in the world as a cauldron of hostility. Instead, it can be a cradle of hope.

### The U.S. — A Full Partner

My role is to be a diplomat, not a dreamer. Diplomacy can produce concrete results. The United States is playing an active role not only as co-sponsor of the process, but as a full partner in the search for solutions. We are doing our part, and we are looking to the parties to do theirs to take advantage of this historic moment for the region.

"In helping the parties work through the issues, we recognise the political realities each faces at home. The Palestinians are under great pressure, and we must work with them and the Israelis to help demonstrate that negotiations lead to tangible results. And I want to commend the Palestinians leaders for making the difficult and courageous decision to return to the negotiating table.

### **Bilateral Negotiations**

In the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, serious and meaningful Palestinian self-government is possible as an interim stage toward a negotiated final status.

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Indeed, the objective of this process is a real peace that will see. occupation give way to interim self-government arrangements and a new relationship between

Israelis and Palestinians. This outcome must provide a peaceful and orderly transfer of authority to the Palestinians. In the bilateral talks between

Israel and Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan, the parties have been addressing the core issues of territory, security and peace. This is the right track. With continued commitment and hard work, the parties involved can find that peace is increasingly possible, desirable and even irresistible.

#### Other Objectives

Let me turn for a moment to my recent trip to the Middle East. The president sent me there in February with several other objectives in mind. I wanted to demonstrate support for Lebanon. I wanted to reaffirm the American commitment to Persian Gulf security, and restate our policy toward Iraq and our concerns about Iran. Let me brief you on some of my impressions.

My visit (To Lebanon) was intended to underscore the United States' support for the efforts of the Lebanese to recover from that war, to regain its sovereignty and independence and to rebuild its economy. A strong central government is vital to these objectives. A key to the extension of Lebanese government authority throughout the country is the maintenance of strong. government-controlled armed forces. I am pleased that we have been able to restart the IMET programme — the International Military Education and Training Programme — for the Lebanese

I also want to emphasise that we continue to support full implementation of both the letter and spirit of the Taif accord. This includes the disarming of all militias and the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces from Leba-

Concerning Iraq. President Clinton has clearly reaffirmed the continuity of our policy. I want to take this occasion to stress that Iraq must fully comply with all U.N. resolutions.

We bear no ill toward the people of Iraq, whose suffering is the direct responsibility of the present regime. In fact, we continue to fund relief programmes in northern Iraq and to support U.N. efforts to establish relief in central and southern Iraq. The Iraqi people deserve a government that is representative of Iraq's pluralistic society, that is committed to the territorial integrity and unity of Iraq, and that neither commits crimes against its own people nor threatens its

neighbours.

When I was in the Middle East, also found deep distrust of Iran's intentions and potential capabilities. Iran is an important country that could make significant contributions to the international community. But first, it must end behavieur which threatens its neighbours and seeks to undermine the pursuit of peace. Iran must end its support of terrorism, its acquisition of weapons of mass destruction and its effort to undermine the peace process. We will work with our friends in the region and with other nations to make sure that Iran's leaders understand the high costs of continuing to pursue destabilising policies.

Democracy, Human Rights and Islam

The promotion of democracy and respect for human rights is one of the three pillars of President Clinton's foreign policy. I know, however, that there is concern, both within and outside the region, over Islamic fundamentalism and its effect on the stability and policies of many of these countries.

Tonight, I would like to state clearly that Islam is not our enemy. Nor do we consider Islam a threat to world peace or to regional security. What we do oppose is extremism or fanaticism, whether of a religious or secular nature. We part company with those who preach intolerance, abuse human rights, or resort to violence in pursuit of their political goals.

While we cannot impose our own form of government on others, we strongly support those who share and seek to encourage democratic values in their countries. As with the peace process. the United States stands ready to work with our friends in the region toward the important goals of peace, stability and social

In the end, of course, it will be up to the people and the governments of the Middle East to shape the future of their region. If they are successful, the benefits of true peace and prosperity will fall to future generations of Muslims, Jews and Christians, for the first time in these ancient lands.

I want you to know that this president and this secretary of state intend to move the peace process forward, to remain engaged, and to retain the trust of all parties to this historic quest.

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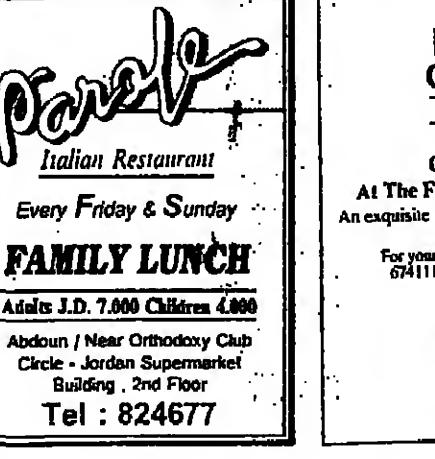
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## Edberg upset by wind and Pioline

MONTE CARLO (R) — Swirling winds and the dogged determination of unseeded Frenchman Cedric Pioline blew top seed Stefan Edberg out of the \$1.65million Monte Carlo Open Satur-

The Swede, clearly perturbed by a Mediterranean gale which sent clouds of dust blowing across court, lost 6-4 6-4 in one of the biggest upsets of the tournament.

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The on-form Pioline, who had beaten third seed Petr Korda of the Czech Republic Thursday, became the first Frenchman to reach the final in Monte Carlo since Yannick Noah in 1986.

But though Pioline deserved credit for an enterprising game in which he put a lot of pressure on Edberg, the wind reduced the match to a lottery which would have been more suited to the nearby casino. Edberg's usually deadly volley

was a blunt weapon for once. He put away just one winning volley in the entire match and, appropriately enough, lost on Pioline's fourth match point by putting a backhand volley into the net.

The 23-year-old Parisian advanced to only the second final of his career. In his first last year in



Austrian Thomas Muster (left) and Spanish Alex Corretja shake hands after their quarterfinal match at the Monte Carlo Open. Muster beat Corretja to qualify for the semifinals to face Sergi Bruguera (AFP

Lyon, he lost heavily in straight sets to American Pete Sampras. On Sunday he will attempt to become the first Frenchman to win in the principality in 30 years

when he plays either last year's winner Thomas Muster of Austria or the 1991 champion Sergi Bruguera of Spain.

### **SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Caniggia to seek reduction of suspension

ROME (AP) — Argentine national team and AS Roma striker Claudio Caniggia hopes an appeal can reduce his 13-month-suspension for coacuine use, an AS Roma team official said. AS Roma vice president Aldo Paguali said the club will appeal the suspension and a 100-million-lire (\$66,600) fine imposed by the Italian Soccer Tribunal on the club for indirect responsibility in the case. "It's a sad moment for Claudio, but he's looking forward to continuing his career with Roma and with his national team," Pasquali said. He said the 26-yearold forward has expressed his desire to play with Argentina in the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

### Rominger, Delgado favourites in Tour of Spain

MADRID (AP) - Spaniard Pedro Delgado may be the sentimental pick in this year's Tour of Spain and defending champion Tony Rominger the logical choice. Whatever happens, this is likely to be the last chance either aging cyclist has of winning one of Europe's three major cycling tours. The 21-day marathon — 3,576.3 kilometres (2,217.3 miles) across Spain — begins Monday in the northwestern port of La Coruna and ends May 16 just 60 kilometres down the road in the neighbouring Galician city of Santiago de Compostela.

### Athletico in Cup protest

MADRID (AFP) - Atletico Madrid Saturday protested to the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) over the handling of their Cup Winners] Cup semi-final second leg against Parma on Thursday by German referee Aron Schmidhuber. Athletico, who won the game but lost the tie on aggregate, have asked for a protest to made to - 6-0 Friday to widen their lead in the Bundesliga. UEFA and are angry that they were not awarded Second-placed Werder Bremen drew (1-1) with two penalties.

### Sanchez Vicario advances to semifinals

BARCELONA (AP) — Top-seeded Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez Vicario advanced to the semifinals of the \$375,000 La Familia Open with a 7-5, 6-1 victory over No. 6-seeded Mary Pierce of France. Sanchez Vicario plays in the semifinals against No. Amanda Coetzer of South Africa. Coetzer defeated No. 5-seeded Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria Friday 6-4, 4-1). Maleeva retired from the final set with blisters on her racquet hand. In another quarterfinal, No. 7 Sabine Hack of Germany defeated Italy Federica Bonsignori 6-0, 7-5. Hack will face Conchita Martinez in the other semifinal. Martinez defeated Laura Golarsa of Italy 6-1, 6-3.

### **Nunn retains WBA title**

MEMPHIS (R) - American Michael Nunn built his career as a fancy boxer, but he was a ruthless puncher Friday, knocking down Briton Ashley crawford five times to retain his World Boxing Association super-middleweight championship. The left-handed Nunn knocked down Crawford twice in the fifth round and put him down three more times in the sixth, all with left-handed body blows. The three-knockdown rule was in effect, requiring the fight to be stopped if a fighter was knocked down three times in one round. Nunn dropped Crawford the last time with one second remaining in the sixth round. "You see when I'm aggressive," Nunn said. "I'm a bulldog. I showed

#### Bayern Munich flatten Saarbruecken 6-0

BONN (R) — Mehmet Schoil fired three goals as Bayern Munich steamrollered tiny Saarbruecken Cologne to slip two points behind Bayern.

### Navratilova and Co. stay away

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Putting together a high-profile tennis team to represent the United States in international competition is no easy task these days.

First, the top men's players like Pete Sampras, Jim Courier. Andre Agassi and Michael Chang passed up the Davis Cup and their replacements were eliminated by Australia in the first round last month. Now the marquee women are unavailable for this summer's Federation Cup.

The United States Tennis Association chose Pam Shriver. Lori McNeil, Lindsay Davenport and Ann Grossman for July 19-26 event at Frankfurt, Germany. McNeil owns the highest ranking of the four at No. 19. Shriver is No. 28. Davenport No. 41 and Grossman No. 47.

Fernandez and Jennifer Capriati, all ranked among the top seven players in the world. What's going on here?

"We were a little disappointed that we couldn't get a team with higher rankings." said Dr. Gary Lee, co-chairman of the USTA's Federation Cup Committee. "Every one of those other players had

prior commitments." The United States has won 14 Federation Cup titles, more than



Martina Navratilova

Conspicuous by their absence any other nation, but has not won were more familiar names like the title since 1990. Both Shriver Martina Navratilova, Mary Joe and McNeil played, on the Federation Cup team last year that lost in the semifinals to Germany. Shriver will be playing Federa-

> tion Cup for the eighth time and McNeil for the fifth. Davenport, 16, is a product of the USTA's Player Development Programme and started the year ranked No. 159. Grossman, 22.

was a member of the 1988 USTA national team and reached the fourth round of the 1989 and 1990 French Opens.

Marty Riessen, captain of the team for eight years, said, "we've got a mix of of some more mature players and some young, up-andcoming players. Pam and Lori are very patriotic and are always willing to play Federation Cup."

Still, Lee said, tennis fans have to look at the roster and wonder about it.

"Martina is playing team tennis." he said, "Mary Joe and Jennifer are committed to an event in New Jersey. Hopefully, next year we will be able to prevent these conflicts."

### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY APRIL 25, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Avoid that pal who loves to gossip and makes you nervous as you carry through with your commitments to others who are depending on you. Show tact in handling other annoying problems he diploma-

ARIES: March 21 to April 19) Get into whatever practical matters are facing you, see them as they actually are, handle them and tonight have a happy romantic evening with your mate.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Query whatever associates are about as to how you and they can be more effective in whatever your joint interests happen to he. tonight go to new sites with a partner.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Approach every phase of your daily duties as though you can get Mandpoints you have not considered before and you make big progress with tasks.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Make arrangements for a pleasant time for today and the new week during the day and in the evening show special affection for your mate.

LEO: (July 22 August 21) Whatever you have in mind about home and clan can now be worked out by a more serious and investigative approach and tonight entertain at your home.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Consider well the sources

where you can gain the knowledge that will make your daily routines more productive and put them into motion at once.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Your present malerial situation requires some study and better awareness how to rightly handle your assets and liabilities, tonight discuss money with an expert.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You can preoccupy yourself with whatever your personal desires happen to be during the day and make out well, but tonight be out with good friends.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Look at whatever has been troubling you and you will be able to view it in a more constructive light and get it in back of you by steadfastness.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to 4 January 20) Whatever you feel is the best place for you to get the things you have been looking for is your best means for procurring them more readily.

AQUARIUS: (January 2) to February 19) If you have any worldly situation requiring careful thought and especially where credit is concerned, now is the day to handle with care caution.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Think about the new goals that activate you and delve into them we you become expert in understanding them and you aid your growth

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### CIS lifters win gold medals

SOFIA (AP) — Armenian Khatchik Kapamaktsian and Ukrainian Alexander Blyschyk won gold Friday on the third day of the European Weightlifting Championships. It was Kapamaktsian's first

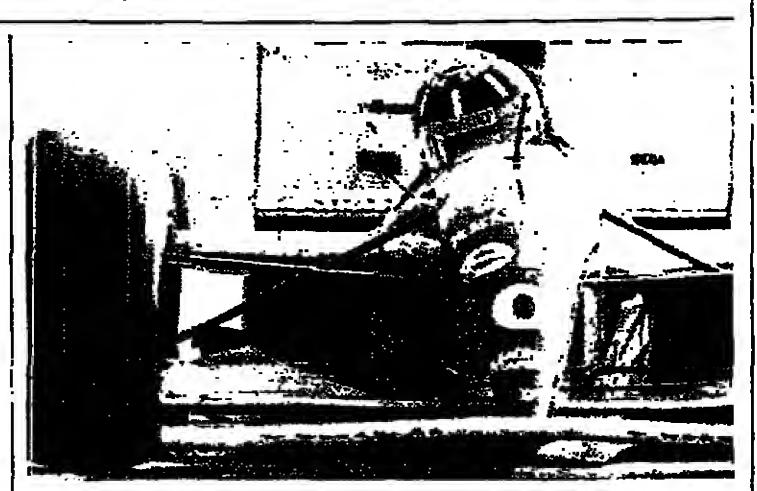
European title in the category up to 76 kilogrammes (167 pounds). Blyschik gave Ukraine its first gold in the category up to 83 kilos (183) pounds). Kapamaktsian, 24, was

second after the snatch but won with a total of 362.5 kilos (799 pounds) in the combination after hoisting 197.5 kilos (435 pounds) in the clean and jerk lift. Second in the category up to

76 kilos (168 pounds) was Byelarussian Oleg Kinchko who totalled 360 kilos (793 pounds) in the combination. The Pole Anrzhei Kozlowski scored as high, but the Byelarussian lifter was lighter.

Bluschyk. 27, who was second at the 1991 World Championship, snatched 175 kilos (385 pounds), winning the first place in that event. He lifted 205 kilos (452

pounds) in the clean and jerk and edged the Pole Krzystlof Siemion, sixth after snatching 165 kilos (363 pounds) and lifting 207.5 kilos (457 pounds) in the clean and jerk.



British driver Damon Hill on Williams-Renault set the best time during the first qualifying session Friday for the San Marino Grand Prix (AFP photo)

## Prost on pole by one-tenth of a second

IMOLA, Italy (R) — Frenchman Sunday's San Marino Grand Prix qualifying session Saturday. Prost, driving a Williams,

clocked a best time of one minute 22.070 seconds at an average speed of 221.08 kph-midway through the session. Williams team mate Damon Hill of Britain, on provisional

pole position overnight, mounted a tremendous challenge to produce a time of 1:22,168. German Michael Schumacher

was third quickest in his Benetton ahead of Brazilian Ayrton Senna in a McLaren.

Schumacher had his Friday times reinstated Saturday after a further inquiry into his alleged use of illegal tyre compounds.

Senna, the championship lead-Alain Prost took pole position for er and like prost a three times. world champion, crashed as he by just one-tenth of a second in a tried to do everything he could to thrilling, closely-fought final improve his time in his fordpowered car.

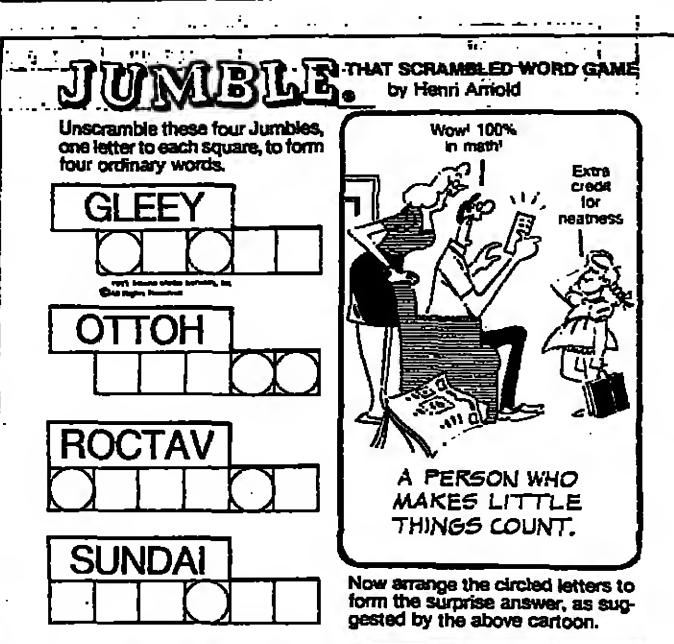
The Brazilian, who crashed twice Friday, spun off the track at the acque minerale corner and hit

the barriers. He was unhurt and later produced a hetter time in team mate Michael Andretti's car, but it was not enough to improve his grid

position. Austrian Karl Wendlinger showed the huge promise of the new Swiss Sauber team by clocking the fifth best time.

Andretti's Friday times had been annulled and he desperately needed to do well to boost his confidence after a poor start to his first season in Formula One.

#### THE BETTER HALF By Harris SOMETIMES I HAVE WOMEN ALWAYS FEELINGS! I FEEL HUNGRY SAY MEN HAVE NO OTHER TIMES FEELINGS. I FEEL THAT'S NOT TIRED. TRUE! CHIPS



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and a spade ruff in dummy. The fly in the ointment is how to take them. Suppose that after ruffing a spade, you draw trumps and start on diamonds. When you surrender a diamond trick to the enemy, they will have at least one spade to cash. And if you try to set up the diamonds by ruffing one early, you could relinquish trump control to the enemy, or fall a trick short even with favorable splits.

The solution is to win the opening lead on the board and immediately cuck a diamond! The best that the opponents can do is lead another trump. You win in hand, cash the ace of spades and ruff a spade, then return to hand with the ace of diamonds to draw the outstanding trumps. The last five tricks are scored by the table's ace-king of clubs and the three good diamonds. Not a play that is beyond the powers of the average player. The secret, however, is in spotting the

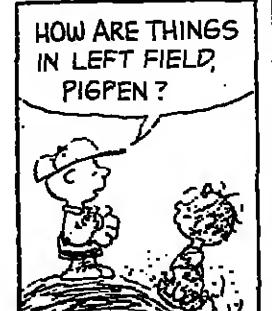
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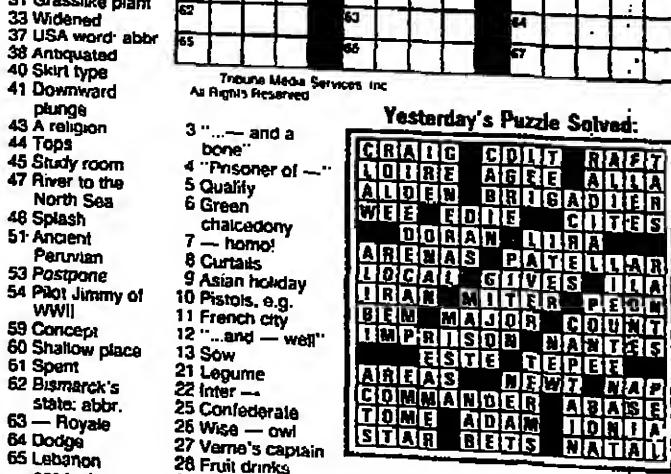




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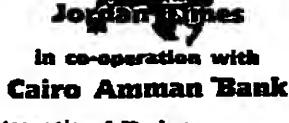
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Currency	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
U.S. Dollar	3.09	3_12	3_12	3.31
Sterling Pound	5.81	5.88	6.06	6.13
Deutsche Mark	7.81	7.62	7.38	6.75
Swiss Franc	5.00	4.81	4.62	4.44
French Franc	8.56	8-18	7.882	7.50
Japanese Yen	3.18	3.18	3_25	3.25
European Currency Unit	8.63	8.50	8-25	7.75

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Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin

	Date	Date: 24/4/1993		
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U.S. Dollar	0.6820	0.6840		
Sterling Pound	1.0736	1.0790		
Deutsche Mark	0.4303	0.4325		
Swiss Franc	0.4763	0.4787		
French Franc	0.1274	0.1280		
Japanese Yen*	0.6157	0.6188		
Dutch Guilder	0_3828	0_3847		
Swedish Krona	0.0937	0.0942		
Italian Lira*	0.0457	0.0459		
Belgian Franc	0.02090	0_02100		

Other Currencies	Dute: 24/4/1993			
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Bahraini Dinar	1.7900	1.8300		
Lebanese Lira*	0.038425	0.040250		
Saudi Riyal	0.1815	0.1825		
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.2250	2.2750		
Qatari Riyal	0.1845	0.1865		
Egyptian Pound	0.1950	0.2150		
Omani Riyal	1.7390	1.7700		
UAE Dirham	0.1845	0.1865		
Greek Drachma*	0_3130	0.3230		
Cypriot Pound	1_4755	1.4455		

CAR Indices for Amman Financial Market

Index	14/4/1993 Close	21/4/1993	Close
All-Share	192.95	198.52	
Banking Sector	134.19	139.19	
Insurance Sector -	212.12	213.42	
Industry Sector	274.91	281.74	
Services Sector	251.12	256.66	

### Arab League reports steady decline in Palestinian economy

pied territories has steadily declined in recent years due to the uprising and stepped-up Israeli counter-measures, an Arab League report said this week.

The problem was exacerbated by the Gulf war which depressed aid to the Palestinians and to rising unemployment due to the immigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union, the Cairoleague said in its 1992 annual report.

intifada.

From \$1.78 billion in 1987, the It gave no reasons for the billion in 1990 and is estimated to Iraq during the crisis. have declined by 10 per cent from 1990 to \$1.1 billion in 1991, the Palestinians were also expelled by report said.

territories has deteriorated by an territories from a major source of average 12 per cent annually in expatriate remittances. fixed prices since 1987 because of Before the war, Gulf states the events there and intensified were the largest aid donors to the restrictions and arrests by the occupied territories and to the occupation authorities," it said. Palestine Liberation Organisaanti-Israeli violence, the situation \$3 billion over the past 15 years.

cent in the same period.

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The shrunk by an average 11 per cent Palestinian economy in the occu- annually since 1987, while the construction and communications sector had slipped by about 18 per cent and services and other sectors by eight per cent.

The report, distributed by the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund, said the growth in the agricultural sector partly offset an increase in unemployment as it absorbed some of those who lost jobs to Soviet Jews. It said some 32,000 were made jobless due to the influx of Soviet Jews.

Per capita income also deterio-Except for the growth in West rated to \$1,147 in 1990 from Bank farming, all other sectors in \$1,756 pushed down foreign aid the occupied territories had de- by more than 50 per cent from its clined since 1987, the start of the 1989 level of \$290 million, the report said.

Palestinian gross domestic pro- decline but the oil-rich Gulf states duct (GDP) fell by 11.4 per cent sharply cut aid to Arab countries annually in current prices to \$1.23 which they accused of siding with Hundreds of thousands of

Kuwait after it was liberated, "The GDP in the occupied thereby depriving the occupied

In Gaza, a hotbed of recent tion (PLO), extending more than

was worse, with the GDP declin- The report blamed Israeli meaing by 17 per cent in 1990 from sures for a sharp decline in ex-1989 compared with 11 per cent ports from \$431 million in 1987 to in the West Bank, where the \$148 million in 1990 while a fall in farming sector grew by 3.1 per Palestinians' purchasing power pushed down imports from \$1.4 The industrial sector had billion to \$793 million.

### Vietnam says it needs \$50b for development

HANOI (AP) — Vietnam told far achieved significant success. potential foreign aid donors Fri- "The outlook is very strong." he day it would need up to \$50 said. billion to develop its primitive year 2000.

Planning Committee, Vo Hong Phuc, outlined the plan in a meet- for. Before deciding whether to ing with officials of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and from Japan, Australia, and sever- IMF and World Bank will give al other nations.

cluded building deep-water ports, upgrading roads and railways. and reforesting barren land. He representative in Vietnam, said expected the programme to cost the IMF's participation in the as much as \$50 billion, half of donor conference will be "conwhich he hoped would come from ditional" upon Vietnam's normaexternal sources such as multi- lisation of relations with the lateral banks, donor nations and world financial community. private investors.

cessful aid programme would million in past-due loans owed to hinge on continued development the IMF. U.S. policy was the key of private enterprise in Vietnam to Vietnam's acceptance by the and an active role by the Viet- world's lenders, he indicated. namese government.

The meeting served as a embargo against Vietnam has warm-up to a donor's conference held back the IMF, World Bank, sponsored by the United Nations and Asian Development Bunk Development Programme and making fresh loans to Vietnam. planned for October or Novem- Although the United States has ber. The meeting, the first of its no veto power over IMF lending kind since Vietnam's reunifica- decisions, Mr. Spitaller said it tion under communist rule in could lean on its allies to continue 1975, is aimed at organising fund- denying credit to Vietnam. ing of Vietnam's economic needs Many observers predict the issue and ensuring wise use of the of new loans to Vietnam

to a free market economy has so this.

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Participants at the meeting said economy between now and the they expected foreign private investment to provide the biggest The vice chairman of the State chunk of the \$25billion in external funds that Vietnam's plan calls invest, many private companies and banks are waiting to see if the their seal of approval to Viet-Mr. Phuc said priorities in- nam's economic plan at the donor

conference. But Erich Spitaller, the IMF's

He said the main issue was not Both sides agreed that a suc- Vietnam's repayment of the \$140

The American economic

to come up at the IMF's spring David Husband, a consultant meeting scheduled for the end of for the U.N. Development Prog- this month, but Mr. Spitaller said ramme, said Vietnam's transition he had no evidence to confirm

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### Gold price jumps to 6-month high as bull factors hit market

six-month high of \$344.90 an ounce Friday as a combination of factors included U.S. investor buying lifted the metal out of its recent trough.

"The fall in the U.S. dollar, the return of Middle Eastern interests as buyers and U.S. investors' funds coming into the market all helped to push gold up.' one dealer at a major bullion trading house said.

The most significant factor was the activity of U.S. funds, which were aggressive buyers in New York Thursday night at around \$339 to \$340 and again Friday at began to fall in mid-March. higher levels.

Lombard and discount rates and it," he said. ended the week in London at \$340 an ounce.

The market was also being sic hedge against inflation.

LONDON (R) — Gold leapt to a cautious about Sunday's Russian referendum which will largely decide whether or not President Boris Yeltsin and his reformist government remain in power.

"The referendum is keeping the market steady. Any followthrough to today's rise may not come until next week." one dealer said. The reverbations of a Yeltsin defeat would be sure to have an impact on major currencies and consequently gold, analysts said.

An analyst with a major London stock brokerage said he had advised his clients to buy gold as soon as European interest rates

"The Europeans were the big-Gold jumped about \$1 an gest sellers of gold until then but ounce Thursday after the Ger- with interest rates lower, they will man Bundesbank reduced its be more included to hold on to

> Gold does not pay interest but has long been regarded as a clas-

### Romania announces pay rises to offset price shock in May

BUCHAREST (R) - Romanian under a price liberalisation round Prime Minister Nicolae Vacaroiu Friday announced a package to offset price shocks sparked by keep subsidies on drugs, rents, market reforms planned for next

month. The package includes cash handouts of 8.000 lei (\$13) and a monthly pay rise of 6.8 per cent in May, when the government is due to scrap the last communist-era subsidies oin staple foods like bread and milk and key services including energy.

"We reached this decision after two months of talks with the trade unions," Mr. Vacaroiu told a meeting of the minority ruling Democratic National Salvation Front (DNSF) party.

The government also set minimum monthly wages at 28.950 lei (\$47) in May, up from a previous 17,600 (around \$28), and increased the average monthly state-sector wage to 57,000 lei (around \$93), up from 43,000 (around \$71).

that started in October 1990. The government decided to public transport and some energy prices, including electricity.

"On May 1, when we remove consumer price subsidies, we will face a psychologically sensitive moment." Mr. Vacaroiu said, in an apparent reference to the decision to dilute the measure through wage rises and cash handouts to avoid unrest.

President Ion Iliescu appointed Mr. Vacaroiu after his left-wing DNS won the largest single share of votes but not an outright majority in polls last September. Several big trade union blocs

have abandoned the pay talks in the past two weeks and threatened national strikes to press for a minimum monthly wage of 46,000 let (around \$75).

Those unions, which claim more than four million members. Mr. Vacaroiu said this would have asked Mr. Iliescu to mediate offset what he called "spectacular.. in deadlocked talks with the govprice hikes" in the next few ernment, saying that otherwise months, adding that average they would go ahead with a prices had already risen 18 times general strike planned for May 5.

### Bahrain Investcorp gets \$330 m loan facility

MANAMA (R) — Bahrain-based Investcorp S.A. has signed a \$330 million loan facility with 17 local and international banks. A bank statement said the loan would be used both to refinance a \$250 million loan facility it had received in 1990 and for general corporate purposes.

The loan was significantly oversubscribed, resulting in the facility being increased to \$330 million from \$300 million, it said. Bankers Trust International PLC and Chemical Bank jointly ran the deal and eight other banks acted as co-arrangers.

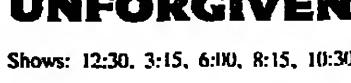
Shareholders in six Gulf Arab states own Investcorp, which channels private investment into Western companies.

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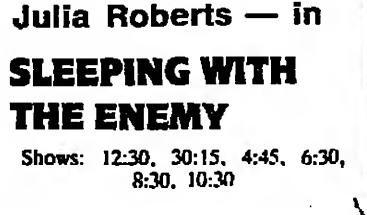
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# Arab League report defends investment abroad

investment at \$670 billion, with public sector in several members. \$280 billion dollars in bank deposits and the rest in stocks and real estate.

About \$162 billion dollars are owned by the private sector.

The report said Arab countries with large stock markets, such as Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia and Morocco had failed to attract surplus funds from capital exporting member states like Libya and the other oil producers in the

"This is due to the strong competition from the world

"This is coupled with lack of al local exchanges. ties to foreigners."

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The seven other League members Arab League has defended Arab have official stock markets investment, saying local markets Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, lacked incentives, yield remained Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. relatively low and domestic poli-' Several Arab nations have cies were pushing out more embarked on reforms to heal their ailing economies and some In the 1992 annual report re- of them plan to open formal stock leased this week, the 21-member markets, which are essential for League estimated overseas Arab privatisation in the dominant

> Poor investment has remained one of the main reasons for economic problems in the Arab World and officials have called for the return of overseas funds.

> Besides improving the investment climate, removing red tape, and revising tax legislation, the report said 'Arab governments should also clarify their economic policies in line with long-term strategic considerations not with circumstantial considerations."

Such policies were also hinderfinancial markets, which are char- ing efforts to link Arab stock acterised by depth and high re- markets while high government turns and this enable them to ownership in trading institutions attract Arab funds," said the and lack of investment awareness were smothering activity in sever-

incentives in Arab capital impor- "Other factors are the deficienters, currency restrictions, admi- cy in auditing in most Arab counnistrative obstacles which dis- tries, irregular release of bulance courage investment, and failure sheets of companies and the to explain investment opportuni- adoption of sudden measures that affect the value of investment and Besides those four countries, capital transfer," it said

### Bangladesh relaxes exchange regulations

The relaxations will allow fore- sent required to obtain prior perign enterpreneurs to borrow un- mission from the Bangladesh limited lunds from Bangladeshi and foreign banks, remit profits without restrictions and set up joint-venture industries without prior permission, the Bangladesh Bank announced.

They will also allow Bangladeshis to take foreign exchange worth up to \$10,000 out of the country for medical treatment and \$2,500 a year for tourism, the

bank said. into force from the first of June, will end regulations that bar fore-

to free market economy. The treatment abroad.

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh whole of south Asia is doing that. lifted a series of foreign exchange. So we can't be caught napping," regulations Saturday to try to said a senior central bank official open its doors to a free-market who asked not to be identified. economy, the central bank said. Foreign companies are at pre-

> Bank to borrow funds from foregn banks or bring in money from They must also invest 60 per

cent of their profits for expansion of their projects in Bangladesh and have the central bank's permission to repatriate the remainder of the money.

The bank's approval is also needed by foreign entrepreneurs The changes, expected to come seeking to set up industries in collaboration with Bangladeshis. Under the current rules, a ign companies from borrowing Bangladeshi is entitled to take any funds from the Bangladeshi out foreign currency worth only \$500 a year. No foreign currency "The idea is to open our door can be taken out for medical

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# Bosnian Serb leader baulks again at U.N. peace plan

BELGRADE (R) — Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzie refused to support a revised U.N. peace plan Saturday and accused the West of pushing warring Muslims. Croats and Serbs "to get together like dog and cat."

He met peace envoy Lord Owen to discuss changes to the plan which Lord Owen said Serbs could "settle with honour" before Monday when the U.N. has set a deadline for the imposition of harsher sanctions on Serb-led Yugoslavia.

After three hours of talks, Mr. Karadzic condemned the plan as anti-Serbian and said he would not ask the Bosnian Serb parliament to sign it at a decisive session Sunday.

liament either to accept or reject." he told reporters in Belgrade. "I am going to present the facts. It has to be done by the people."

Mr. Karadzic claimed the plan to divide Bosnia into 10 ethnic cantons would force 500.000 Serbs to flee their homes in areas under Muslim or Croat control. "If we accept this, we are finished in these regions." he added. "Why are you pushing us to get together like dog and cat? Its simply impossible to live together. We have to separate to be good neighbours."

Bosnian Muslims and Croats have already signed the plan drawn up by Lord Owen and co-mediator Cyrus Vance. Lord Owen, clearly angered.

refused to comment on the appa-

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies)

- African National Congress

(ANC) Chairman Oliver Tambo.

who led the group's anti-

apartheid struggle for three de-

cades from exile. died early

Mr. Tambo, 75, died of a

stroke in Johannesburg's Milpark

private hospital. He was admitted

Friday for observation following

a chest infection, the ANC said.

calm tension in black townships

where violence erupted after the

assassination of former ANC

guerrilla leader and Communist

Party chief Chris Hani exactly

"We urge ANC supporters to

act with restraint. Comrade Tam-

The ANC moved quickly to

Saturday.

two weeks ago.

avert new sanctions and the threat of Western air strikes against Bosnia Serb supply lines.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said at a European Community meeting in Denmark that the United States. France and Britain would discuss next week whether to use military

rent collapse of his diplomacy to

suade Mr. Karadzic to support a U.N.-controlled corridor across a Croat sector of north Bosnia which would link Serb enclaves separated by the cantonal fron-

Lord Owen had hoped to per-

"If anybody's had any doubts about the proposal for the northern corridor. just remember that "I will not recommend the par- the Berlin corridor kept us away from a third world war for 30 years," Lord Owen said before he met Mr. Karadzic.

Diplomats said an even bigger obstacle to Serb agreement than the northern corridor was the plan's allocation of Bosnia's eastern region, on the Serbian border, to Muslims.

Mr. Karadzic hinted at this when he said Lord Owen "does not allow any discussion of the structure of the (ethnic) maps. He only recommended various arrangements on the right of pas-

Serbs regard the area as strategically vital and have expelled most of the Muslim population since the start of the civil war a year ago.

Hostility to U.N. mediation hardened at a meeting of the Serb

ANC Chairman Oliver Tambo dies

parliament in Novi Grad in northeast Bosnia despite strong pressure from Yugoslav leaders to head off sanctions.

Bosnian Serb Vice-President Billana Plavsic said Mr. Karadzic's stance was "the only correct thing to do. Lord Owne's offer was a big trick on the Serb people camouflaged as a concession." Lord Owen left Belgrade later to meet Croatian President Fran-

dent Alija Izetbegovic. Scores of people have been killed in the past week in an upsurge of fighting in central Bosnia between Muslim and Croat forces who used to be allied against the Serbs.

jo Tudjman and Bosnian Presi-

Sarajevo Radio said Mr. Izetbegovic accused the Croatian Defence Force (HVO) in Bosnia of trying to carve out a state within a state and intended to ask Mr. Tudiman "what he really wants."

British U.N. forces in the war zone said a ceasefire was starting to stabilise and that both sides were starting to withdraw fighting

They reported that HVo units had laid mines to prevent British armoured vehicles approaching burning Muslim villages.

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Friday cancelled a visit to Zagreb to receive an honorary university degree because she was appalled by "horrific attacks by Croats on Muslims" in Bosnia.

A senior aide to President Izetbegovic dismissed Mr. Karadzic

"completely mad" Saturday after his rejection of the modified peace plan.

Kemal Muftic, counsellor to Mr. Izetbegovic, said the president had been expecting the rejection when he met the Sarajevo just before the news came through with a U.N. Security Council delegation.

The Bosnian president told the Security Council delegation that his signature of the original plan still stood, and said that if the plan foundered, the Security Council would have to be prepared to use force against the Serbs and except the outgunned Bosnian army from an arms embargo against all ex-Yugoslavia.

proclaimed Serb republics in Bosnia and Croatia agreed to merge thir parliaments Saturday but stopped short of formally uniting.

A joint session of the parliaments in the northeast Bosnian town of Bosanski Novi on the border with Croatia voted by 152 to two in favour of the measure. with six abstentions.

The unrecognised republics. created by rebel Serbs since Croatia and Bosnia left former Yugoslavia, decided to pursue common policies but to retain their own presidents and govern-

Political leaders said they could move quickly towards full unification if the west tightened sanctions against Yugoslavia or launched air strikes against Bosnian

### Pakistani police use tear-gas as Sharif arrives

KARACHI, Pakistan (R) — Deposed Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif arrived in Karachi Saturday to a tumultuous welcome from thousands of supporters and police sprayed tear-gas

into a crowd waiting to see him. "Long live Nawaz Sharif, long Live Nawaz Sharif." supporters shouted when Mr. Sharif arrived at Karachi Airport from the Punjab provincial capital Lahore, his power-base.

Sitting cross-legged on the roof of a yellow taxi, Mr. Sharif waved and flashed victory signs to the cheering crowd that pelted him with rose petals as he drove out of the airport in a huge procession.

Mr. Sharif was sacked last Sunday by President Ghulam Ishaq Khan for alleged corruption and terrorising his oppenents after a bitter two-month power struggle between the country's two top



Massive blast rocks London

young man sat trembling with his head in his hands on a traffic island near Bank Subway Station. Witnesses said he had been blown backwards by the blast. He would talk neither to police nor reporters.

A British U.N. soldier tries to locate a sniper firing on British positions from a hill above the partly

responsibility for the blast.

However, suspicion focused on the

destroyed village of Jelinak in Bosnia (AFP photo)

LONDON (AP) - An explosion

rocked London's financial district

or incapacitated inside bomb-

The blast shattered glass in

scores of bank buildings and

businesses, among them the 52-

storey National Westminster

Tower, the financial district's tal-

No one immediately claimed

least 34 people.

damaged buildings.

lest structure.

wounds.

About a quarter mile away. hundreds of delegates at the annual meeting of the European

Bank for Reconstruction and Development were "shaken but not shaken" and continued their discussions of aid to Eastern Europe. said spokeswoman Rebecca Hill. The IRA had suspended bomb-

ing in England after killing two boys aged 3 and 12 in a double bomb attack March 20 on a crowded shopping precinct in Warrington, northwest England. The atrocity provoked large anti-IRA rallies in London and Dub-

> "Warrington gave them very very bad publicity." said Colone Mike Dewar.

Col. Dewar said the IRA clearly was sending the signal Saturday that, despite the furore over the Warrington deaths, their campaign will continue.

### Sri Lankan police find body of former minister's suspected killer

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lankan police Saturday said they had found a body of a young man suspected of having assassinated opposition leader Lalith Athulathmudali.

They identified a body found near the rally grounds where Mr. Athulathmudali, 57, was gunned down while addressing a political meeting Friday, as that of 25year-old Appaiya Balakrishnan.

Police said Mr. Balakrishnan was wearing a blood-stained blue tee shirt and had a revolver. They do not know how he died

but said there was foam around the mouth indicating the man may have taken cyanide, an act typical of guerrillas of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) separatists.

During his tenure as national security Minister, Mr. Athulathmudali was responsible for spearheading the National Security Forces' war against the Tigers.

The funeral of the leader of the Democratic United Liberation Front, who was campaigning for elections to seven regional councils when he was shot, will be held Wednesday.

The government has offered a five million rupee (\$106,000) reward for the killer's capture.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa condemned the attack. saving in a condolence message that "every right-thinking person should condemn the killing."

But members of the opposition Democratic United National Front, of which Mr. Ahtulathmudali was a leader, accused a government death squad of me

Mr. Premadasa asked detec-

murder.

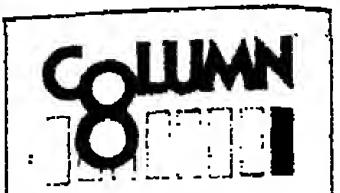
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tives from Britain's Scotland Yard, the criminal investigative division of the London Metropolitan Police, to help look into the

Sri Lanka has called in foreign investigators in the past to help local police probe political assassmations.

Mr. Athulathmudali, minister of national security, trade and education between 1977 and 1991, was leading a strong opposition challenge to Mr. Premadasa's ruling United Nationa' Party (UNP) at the crucial regional polls.

The UNP controls all seven provincial councils, which have wide regional powers, but is likely to lose at least three to a five-party opposition and the



#### Mother faces 5,000pound fine for crying baby

LONDON (AFP) - A young mother in Cannock, northern England, has been warned by the city to stop her teething baby's crying or face a £5,000 (\$7,600) fine. The city council, after receiving numerous complaints that Jackie Whitehouse's eightmonth-old daughter Zoe was waking her neighbours early in the morning, told the woman she would have to silence the child. "I'm disgusted with my neighbours for reporting me like this and with the council," said Mrs. Whitehouse, 24 who has on other child. 'I try to do my best to soothe Zoe, but any mum will tell you it's the hardest job in the world." Neighbours complain that Zoe has been waking them with her crying at 5 a.m. for several months. A city council spokesman, asked about the warning, said the council was performing its 'duty' in investigating "nuisance" complaints.

#### Woman persuades rapist to wear condom

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CAPE TOWN (AFP) — A Cape Town woman who wake up to find a masked assailant in her bedroom persuaded the man to wear a condom before he raped her, police said Friday. Police said the man gained access to the woman's bedroom early Thursday, where she and her haby were sleeping. He demanded money. and then said he was going to rape her. She persuaded her assailant to wear a condom, which she provided, before he raped her, police said.

#### Practical joke on honeymooners costs \$44,000

NUREMBERG, Germany (AFP) — A practical joke played on a pair of newlyweds turned their apartment into a flaming wreck, put them in a state of shock and obliged them to begin married life by moving in with their in-laws. The couple returned from honeymoon to find that the wedding guests had stuffed their bathroom with pieces of paper and tissue, with the pile crammed right up to the ceiling. Nuremberg Police said. "The bridegroom turned on the light and the heat from the bulb set he to the paper. The resulting blaze engulfed their home, causing damage of 70,000 marks (544.000).

#### **Television sex** channel loses U.K. court bid

LONDON (R) — The owners of sex satellite channel Red Hot Television failed Friday in a high court bid to block a government decision to stop viewers from seeing its programmes in Britain. Two judges ruled that the European Court of Justice should be asked to decide whether the government acted lawfully in ordering a ban on the sale of signal decoders needed to receive the hardcore programmes beamed from Denmark. But the court refused to grant an injunction preventing the order from taking effect pending the European Court's decision, pointing to arguments by the government that Red Hot Television's programmes could harm children. Red Hot Television's Dutch: based parent company Continental Television BVIO and English marketing arm Continental Television PLC said they would appeal. Sales of decoders for the satellite signals soured when the government said last month it would han them. It remains legal to use an existing unscramblei.

#### Colombian girl so hungry she gnawed : hands — officials

SANTAFE DE BOGOTA (AFP) - A severely matnourished girl was found with injuries on her hands indicating she may have become so hungry that she had gnawed them, Colombian authorities said. Mary Leones, 5 was found tied to a chair and locked in a ramshackle home while her mother washed clothes for local families in Soledad, near the Atlantic Coast, the daily El Heraldo reported Friday. "In these cruel conditions, the girl had no other choice but to eat her own hands she wouldn't die of hunger," an official said. The girl, who lived alone with ber. mother, was unresponsive and appeared to be mentally retarded, child protection authorities said. The mother, 35-yearold Clarivel Leones, said she tied the girl "so she wouldn't bother me and would let me work."

#### transition process, which was by now "irreversible." China, U.K. end first round of talks

### PEKING (R) — China and Britain ended their first round of talks on Hong Kong's political future Saturday and agreed to hold a

second round on April 28 and 29, the British embassy said. The brief statement, also issued by the Chinese Foreign Ministry, gave no details of progress in the talks, designed to end a six-month-old row. A British embassy spokeswoman declined to characterise the first round of talks, which began Thursday. Both sides have kept a diplomatic silence over the negotiations. S. African journalist found dead

JOHANNESBURG (R) — A black South African television reporter was found dead one day after he and his white cameraman were attacked by youths in Sharpeville township south of the city, police said Saturday. He has been hacked to death. South African Broadcasting Corporation journalist Calvin Thusago, who went missing shortly after he and his colleague Dudley Saunders were attacked by about 20 youths, was found in the outskirts of the township. Saunders, the cameraman, was wounded in the head, back and arm and was suffering from concussion. A police patrol saved him after the youths surrounded the television crew's car. He could not say what had happened to Thusago. The crew was in Sharpeville to report on desecration of black graves by white right-wing extremists.

### 3 killed in Chechenia clash

MOSCOW (AFP) — Supporters of Chechenian President Dzhokhar Dudayev lobbed a handgrenade in their battle to dislodge the sacked interior minister from his offices, wounding three people. Interfax agency reported Saturday. But the president's militia failed to install the new minister, whom Mr. Dudayev appointed last weekend after dismissing the government and the parliament of this Caucasian state, Interfax said. General Dudayev simultaneously imposed a curfew in the capital, Grozny, and accused the security forces of failing to maintain law and order. Tension has reported to be high in Grozny, with demonstrations by supporters of both parliament and the presi-

### Akihito briefed on war tragedy

NAHA, Japan (AFP) — The local governor reminded Japan's Emperor Akihito of the tragedy of World War II Saturday during an unprecedented visit to Okinawa, the southernmost prefecture of his country. "Okinawa was the only site of ground battle in Japan in the last war. The battle cost not only numerous lives but also a lot of cultural assets," officials quoted Okinawa Governor Masahide Ota as telling the emperor. Mr. Ota stressed at the brief meeting in the prefectural government building that the war experience must not be forgotten and should be passed on to coming generations, in the interest of world peace. Emperor Akihito, the first reigning Japanese emperor to visit Okinawa, an islands prefecture in the East China about 1,600 kilometres south of Tokyo, was described as listening carefully to the governor's

### Baird named to U.S. intelligence board WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bill Clinton has named Zoe

#### Baird, a prominent attorney without experience on intelligence matters, to an intelligence advisory board because "she's competent and qualified," the White House said Friday. Ms. Baird, a corporate lawyer, will serve on the president's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, a 12-member panel headed by retired Adm. William J. Crowe, said White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers. The position does not require Senate confirmation.

### Clinton chooses NATO ambassador

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bill Clinton said he will nominate Robert Hunter, a specialist in European affairs, to be U.S. ambassador to NATO. Mr. Clinton also announced he will nominate Robert Nordhaus to be general counsel at the Energy Department and Bruce Lehman to be assistant secretary of commerce and commissioner of patents and trademarks. Mr. Hunter is vice president for international politics and director of European studies at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, which is a foreign-policy think tank. Mr. Nordhaus is an attorney specialising in federal natural gas and utility regulation and onetime general counsel to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission during the Carter administration.

### Nobel Prize amount raised

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) - The Swedish value of the Nobel Prizes, the world's richest awards, was raised by 3 per cent Friday, to 5.7 million kronor each. But they are still worth less than last year in dollars, because of the krona's devaluation. The prize value as of Friday was the equivalent of \$919,000. That is \$62,000 less than the prizes for literature, peace, chemistry, physics, medicine or physiology, and economics were worth when they were last handed out, on Dec. 10, 1992. At that time, they were worth 6.5 million kronor (\$973,000). The Nobel Foundation, which funds the prizes, and oversees their distribution in Norway. and Sweden, elected a new chairman Friday. Bengt I. Samuelsson, a 1982 winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology, will join the board on May 1 and become its chairman. He is president of the Karolinska Institute, which chooses the physiology or medicine prize winner.

### 4 die in Italian chemical plant leak

ROME (R) — Three workers and an ambulance man were killed by a poison gas leak at a chemical plant in northern Italy, police said Saturday. The accident occurred Friday evening at the Veneta Minraria Spa plant which produces sulphuric acid in the town of Caravaggio, east of Milan. Rescue volunteers Egidio Bottazzoli, 21, collapsed and died as he rushed from his ambulance to help a worker who was lying on the ground, apparently lifeless. Mr. Bottazzoli was not wearing a gas mask. Another colleague, who had also got out of the ambulance, managed to crawl back and sound the alarm.

#### bo died of natural causes. We do London and Lusaka and was forreaction that followed the assasmally president of the ANC from sination of Chris Hani." ANC 1978 until Nelson Mandela, 74, spokesman Carl Niehaus said. took over in July 1991. The independent Human Reformist President F.W. De Rights Commission said Friday at Klerk, who started dismantling least 72 people were killed after

the upsurge of violence over the Hani murder. Police have arrested rightwing Polish immigrant Janusz Walus.

African political leader to die within two weeks. Andries Treurnicht, 72, leader of the proapartheid Conservative Party. died in Cape Town Thursday.

WACO, Texas (R) — Autopsies

on 43 bodies removed from a

religious cult compound set

ablaze during an assault by secur-

ity forces was expected to start

Saturday. But identification will

be a drawn-out process because

of the extensive heat damage, the

At least four newly-discovered

hodies were spotted inside a con-

crete bunker that withstood the

blaze, but the one million rounds

of live ammunition inside made

removal too dangerous for now,

Tarrant County Medical Examin-

er Nazim Peerwani told reporters

The autopsy on one body re-

moved Monday from the edge of

the site determined that the re-

mains were of a man in his 50s

who died of smoke inhalation and

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -

President Bill Clinton acknow-

ledged that he underestimated

the power of Republicans who

killed his jobs bill but gave him-

self good marks overall Friday for

direction," he told a White

Smarting from the Republican

filibuster that effectively killed

his jobs bill in the Senate. Mr.

Clinton conceded, "I did not

have an adequate strategy to deal

Overall, though, Mr. Clinton

said, "it's amazing how much has

been done" in the opening days

of his presidency. He cited swift

congressional passage of a \$500 bil-

lion deficit-reduction plan, his

adoption of an environmental

policy "dramatically different"

from the Reagan-Bush era, and

"We are moving in the right

his first 100 days in office.

House news conference.

with that."

"We are uncovering more

medical examiner said.

Friday.

secondary burns.

Mr. Tambo was the third South

South African leaders paid tribute to Mr. Tambo, who led the 30-year armed struggle against

apartheid in February 1990, said Mr. Tambo had always been supportive of the peace process. The ANC leader returned home in December 1990 after Mr. De

only met him once, on which occasion we had a very construc-

bodies than we expected," Rod-

ney Crow, a dentist with the

medical examiner's office told re-

Pretoria's apartheid policies from

Oliver Tambo

Africa, Mr. Tambo was always supportive of the peace process and he played a positive role with regard to the negotiation process. "For that, the government and

tive discussion," Mr. De Klerk

"Ever since his return to South

have appreciation. In this regard, he was an example worthy of being followed," he said in a Mr. Mandela said Saturday the death of his predecessor Oliver

Tambo, combined with the slaying of Mr. Hani, was "a very serious blow" to the movement. Speaking at a media conference here," Mr. Mandela said the loss of Mr. Tambo could exacerbate the growing frustration and bitterness of South Africa's "very

angry" young blacks. "The community, and in particular the youth, are very angry indeed. It is a very volatile situation and I think the death of Tambo will deepen the anger and bitterness on the part of the vouth." he said.

Mr. Mandela also warned Mr. Tambo's death, along with the loss of Mr. Hani would affect the negotiations process because the ANC had lost great minds and

great advisors. But he added they would not have a long-term effect on the

Lawyers representing surviving

cult members have claimed the

fire started when an FBI tank

accidentally knocked over a lan-

cult members removed Friday

were of three women and a child

aged three or four. Mr. Crow

had found no evidence yet to

support Justice Department sug-

gestions that some of the bodies

has gunshot wounds which might

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have to rely on medical and de-

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bodies, or perhaps the odd piece

The remains are so fragile.

suggest murder or suicide.

Mr. Peerwani said investigators

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of the ANC over so many years.

Klerk lifted the ban on the ANC.

"Mr. Tambo was known inter-

nationally due to his presidency

Autopsies to start on U.S. cult bodies

porters. "When we uncover bodies, there seems to be another one under that." Mr. Crow said dental information on the cult's leader David Koresh should be enough to iden-

tify his body if it is among those

A 51-day standoff ended Monday when federal agents assaulted the compound using tanks and tear gas. The attempt to flush out Mr. Koresh and his followers: ended in the death of up to 86 people, 17 of them believed to

have been children. ABC News reported Friday that investigators are convinced the blaze resulted from arson. The television network quoted arson experts as saying they helieve three fires were lit at the

Clinton likes his first 100 days overall

of jewelry that may have withstood the heat of the blaze.

standards for schools. He also The jobs bill - including noted work on health care, welmoney for hiring 7(X),(XX) teens fare reform, political finance and labbying reform plans. "More will be done." he prom-

conference since taking office. Questions about the bloodshed in Bosnia arose throughout the 48-minute session, and Mr. Clinton said he was within days of announcing tougher action

former Yugoslavia. The news conference ended a difficult week in Mr. Clinton's presidency, including the fiery deaths that ended the 51-day siege of an armed cult in Waco, Texas, the failure of his jobs bill, and uncertainty about how to stop the bloodshed in Bosnia.

his proposals for tough voluntary a seception.

for summer work — died at the hand of unyielding and united Republicans in the Senate. Acknowledging that he misread the ised at his second full-dress news Republicans. Mr. Clinton said he was exploring what he could have done differently. Mr. Clinton defended the

standoff with followers of cult against Serh aggressors in the leader David Koresh in Waco, saying he did not think that he, as president, should be involved in the planning for dealing with situations like that.

"The questions will be asked and answered: Did all of us up the line of command ask the questions we should have asked and get the answers we should have gotten? And I look forward "I spent a year here this week," Mr. Clinton joked later at

administration's handling of the